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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

A Political Bombshell.

Elsewhere we deal with the new departure in modern politics marked by our intervention in the Wrekin election. It has always been our determination that 1920 should see the scrapping of the old Party machinery.

A New Combination.

Another sign of the political times is the negotiations now going on between the Nationalist and the Labour Party—the true object of which is ultimately to make peace with the Sinn Feiners and entice them to Westminster.

Spen Valley.

The result is quite satisfactory. After all, it doesn't much matter who is in so long as Sir John Simon is out. His proper place is at the Bar—where he is as great as in politics he is small.

Soldiers and Politics.

Whilst we appreciate the generous sentiments which prompted Lord Haig to give Sir John Simon a military testimonial during the Spen Valley election, we deprecate the introduction of the military, in any form, into political contests.

Sir Robert Kindersley.

We decline to credit the suggestion that this great opponent of Premium Bonds in this country, as a partner in the firm of Lazard Brothers & Co., agents for the French Government, occupied an invidious position in view of the great success of the French issue—which, by the way, is already at a premium.

Our Message to Labour.

We have been honoured by an invitation from the *Daily Herald* to send a New Year's message to Labour, and we have replied that our message to Labour is—"to labour." In the same way, our message to employers is to employ—with preference always to ex-Service men.

The Continental Post.

What a chaotic condition the Continental mails are in! During a flying visit to the South of France, at Christmas, we simultaneously posted letters to this journal, the *National News*, and the *Sunday Evening Telegram* on Christmas Eve, and they were received respectively on the 30th and 31st December and 2nd January—all bearing the same postmark and despatch office stamp. This is one of those things they do *not* "do better in France."

The Political Market.

There can be no question that, in City parlance, Coalition stock is at a discount. On the other hand, Labour is undoubtedly on the upward grade—but cute observers are tipping Business Government. Mr. Lloyd George evidently requires help.

Odhams' Latest.

There is apparently no end to the journalistic output of this firm—*Pan* and the *Ideal Home* being its latest productions, and each of them having undoubtedly come to stay. Carmelite House must look to its laurels.

Starving Vienna.

We have received a heart rending appeal from the Vienna Emergency Relief Fund, for money to provide food and medical comforts for the starving population of Vienna. We do not like to hear of hungry women and children—but, egad! haven't we any here?

NO MORE DULL SUNDAYS.

The policy of the "National News" and the "Sunday Evening Telegram," now under the personal direction of Mr. Horatio Bottomley, was fully propounded in last Sunday's issues of those journals. They will be to the man and woman in the Home what JOHN BULL *is to the "Man in the Street"—and we ask our readers to help by ordering the papers for themselves, and making them known to their friends.*

A Brighton Benefactor.

In our Christmas issue we had something to say about the Teutonic origin of the Christmas Tree. One of the most militant anti-Germans of our time, little Harry Preston, in his Christmas celebrations at the Royal York, Brighton, substituted a British *Dreadnought* for the tree, and succeeded in disposing of its "armaments" (in the shape of dolls and toys) for nearly £600, all for the benefit of local hospitals. Next year we must lend him the *Deutschland*.

A Folkestone Mem.

Perhaps when the War Office has time it will signify its appreciation of the splendid services of Captain Eastwick and Mr. E. Paul—the Folkestone Harbour and Assistant Harbour Master respectively—in embarking and landing nearly eleven million troops during the war. So far, not a word of thanks has reached either of these officials. Perhaps, however, their names will figure in the forthcoming O.B.E. list.

Premium Bonds.

Look out for what the reporters call a "startling development." Being of the bulldog breed, we are not easily shaken off.

Absentee Members.

How many M.P.s, we wonder, have visited their constituents since the General Election, to give an account of their stewardship—or how many have any account to give?

Beer and "Baccy."

We wonder whether the Government realises the important part which these two things play in the problem of industrial unrest—and to what extent they have caused the recent big increase in the Labour vote.

A Lesson from America.

Speaking of beer, what do the "Pussyfoots" think of the result of their "dry" campaign in America—where the hospitals are now full of victims of deleterious substitutes?

Dangerous Pot-ations

Alcohol, however, is not the only dangerous drink. The other day one of our own constituents, suffering from a weak heart, died a few minutes after drinking a cup of tea in bed—the medical man telling the jury at the inquest that "tea-drinking was a constant cause of stoppage of a fatty heart." What *are* we to drink?

"Mr. Bottomley's Navy."

Such is the facetious description by our contemporary, the *Saturday Journal*, of our *Deutschland* show off Charing Cross Pier; and it even hints that unless Germany hurries up with her Indemnity we may sail out to enforce payment. As a matter of fact, our Admiral already has his sealed orders.

"A Handsome Cheque."

"I am instructed by Mrs. Lloyd George to thank you for the autographs of Charles Dickens, and to say that your gift realised two hundred guineas at the sale." Thus writes Mrs. Lloyd George's Private Secretary, apropos of an old cheque and letter of Charles Dickens which were sent to her recent sale for the benefit of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Post Office Deposits.

Unless the Chancellor of the Exchequer wants depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank to withdraw their money, he had better raise the present ridiculously low rate of interest. To give rich City bankers 5½ per cent. upon Treasury Bills and the thrifty poor less than half that rate is a greater menace to the stability of the institution than even the introduction of Premium Bonds!

Local Limerick.

(At 17s. 6d. in the £, Merthyr Tydvil is the highest rated borough in the United Kingdom.)

There once was at Merthyr a chappy
Whose rates made him mad, sad, and snappy.
As he lay down to die,
He didn't say why,
But for once he looked happy-hap-happy.

Commandeered Premises.

It is a mystery why the War Office still clings to big business premises like Finsbury Court, E.C., which it commandeered for Casualty records, of course turning out all the tenants. The Casualty Dept. of the W.O. ought not to be overworked now, and its staff, especially if reduced to reasonable proportions, might find plenty of accommodation in its own buildings. The dislocation of commerce as a War Office whim is a serious matter.

The Hunconscionable Hun.

The skipper of a German trawler lately had the audacity to put in at Aberdeen for the purpose of replenishing his bunkers. It was an impudent "try on," for he was found to have sufficient coal to proceed to sea, which he was ordered by the port officials to do without delay. This flaunting of the German flag in a British seaport naturally incensed the inhabitants and enraged the waterside habitués, and we fancy the *Bremerhaven* will not be seen in a Scottish seaport again for some time.

Why Take It?

Shortly after being appointed Food Commissioner for London, General Sir Francis Lloyd is reported to have said that, for all he knew of the job, "they" might as well have made him an Admiral. We are not aware that there was anything to compel Sir Francis to accept the post against his own judgment; but, once having undertaken to play the part of a square peg in a round hole, it would have been more discreet on his part to conceal his consciousness of his incompetence, if only for the sake of the nerves of the vast community whose food it is his task to control.

Blackford's Cenotaph.

At long last, and under threat of an application to the Consistory Court for a faculty, the Rev. G. W. Simpson, Vicar of Blackford, is stated to have withdrawn his objection to the erection by his parishioners of a war memorial in the churchyard. Why he should ever have refused is a mystery; the manner and method of his objection have been an affront. He has been arbitrary, intolerant, and aloof. The wishes of the parish he has treated with contempt, and it is evident that he has given way at the last moment only because he does not wish to come into collision with higher ecclesiastical authority.

Confession.

This is the candid confession of an East-coast farmer of 300 acres, who took his farm four years ago at a rent considerably higher than was paid by the previous tenant: "Now, I lay no claim to any special farming ability, live fairly well, pay good wages, etc., yet I find, after making an extremely low valuation of stock, crop, and implements, that I have cleared almost £12,000, or a yearly profit of nearly £3,000. I know a man, farming 600 acres, who says he cleared £8,000 last year." These money-coining farmers are the rule, not the exception; nevertheless, they remain the most grousing and exacting profiteers war and peace have produced.

A Conchy Squeals.

A Conchy, "one year in prison," advertises that he wants a situation at a living wage. He has been a clerk, but is now "anxious to learn trade; will comrades please help?" As most of the Unions object to ex-Service men taking up a trade, it would be of interest to learn their attitude towards such a skulker.

Query.

Having bobbed up and down like an apple in a posset, coal is once again to cost us more. What some of us would like to know is, if and when anything on this earth will ever cost us less. Three facts face us all this new year: first, that it never cost so much to be born; secondly, that it never cost so much to live; and, thirdly, that it never cost so much to die.

Industry's Reward.

This is rough. An old chap, applying for his O.A.P., discovered he was 72 instead of 70. So he had hopes. But his wife, who is younger, earns 25s. a week. He earns nothing, and there are two children under 14. Because of his good wife's industry, the pension has been refused him. "Will you please bring this up in Parliament?" he asks. Certainly many less urgent affairs are brought up there.

"DEUTSCHLAND" EXHIBITION

Although the German super-submarine "Deutschland" is still lying in the Thames off the Temple, arrangements are being completed for a coastal tour. Youngsters on holiday and visitors to London desirous of inspecting her wonderful mechanism, should therefore not delay. A steam launch leaves Charing Cross Pier every half hour, the fullest arrangements being made to ensure protection against inclement weather.

A great variety of souvenirs, etc., is available, although, owing to difficulties in manufacture, a few are temporarily out of stock. A catalogue can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Victory Club, 26, King Street, St. James's, S.W.1.

All Aboard!

A passenger aboard the s.s. *Metagama* from Nova Scotia, raises an old question. He was charged 50 cents (2s. 4½d.) for 50 cigarettes, and 1 dollar (4s. 9d.) for 4 ounces of smoking mixture. It is true, as he says, that in pre-war days one could purchase tobacco aboard ship at less-duty price, and he argues that, if the steamship companies now obtain their tobacco duty free, the passengers ought to have the advantage of the difference. If the companies put it into their pockets as extra profits, we can see no reason why they should not pay duty on tobacco like every other trader.

Cruel Disappointment.

A "demobbed" officer at Sheffield took up a training course in chemistry at the local University, being so successful that he was strongly advised by the teaching authorities to go in for training as a doctor. On the strength of their assurance that Government aid would be forthcoming, the hopeful student laid out all his little savings in preparation for the medical course—only to find after he had actually begun to attend the lectures that his application for recognition by the Board of Education under the Ex-Officers' Training Scheme was turned down without reason stated. A scheme that operates in this way must be all at sixes-and-sevens.

The Golden Quart.

Truth is leaking through the milk churns at Kidderminster, apparently. A farmer there has been telling officials of the local Food Control Committee that milk-selling at present is "a veritable gold mine." One Kidderminster milk retailer, living in a 5s. a week cottage, admits making a net profit of £13 weekly on his morning round. The drink traffic, in fact, was never so prosperous.

No Milk for Kiddies.

That's one side of the picture. Here's another. A mother of three, living in Lilleshall, Salop, "in the midst of farms and small-holdings on the late Duke of Sutherland's estate," says that while her children cry to her for milk puddings she can't obtain even a pint of the separated article to appease them. "The lot goes to pigs and animals." It sounds so shameful and shocking that somebody Lilleshall way is sure to bob up to remark that it isn't true.

First J.P-ess.

Congratulations to Mrs. A. J. Summers, Mayoress of Stalybridge, on being the first lady to take her seat on the Bench. In her new sphere as presiding Magistrate, what she does not know of law the Clerk will teach her; what she does not know of justice nobody can teach her; and what she does not know of mercy none will need to teach her... It is in that hope, at any rate, that we raise our best hat.

Safety Last.

A correspondent, having just completed the voyage to India, forwards a strong and understandable protest, pointing out that passengers were ten days at sea before lifeboat stations were assigned, no instructions being issued from first to last as to where life-belts or other safety appliances were to be obtained. Moreover, throughout the voyage several large lifeboats were used for storage purposes!

Preliminary Notice.

The Employment Department of the Ministry of Labour for Scotland, Edinburgh, on 4th December handed the following Christmas greeting to the tempotary staff (ex-Service men): "I have to inform you that your service in this Department is of a purely temporary nature, and that the fact that you may have been disabled by reason of war-service, or are an ex-member of His Majesty's Forces, does not in any way entitle you to permanency of tenure." In other words, "Your King and Country need you—no longer, and we think you ought to go!"

Not for Soldiers.

We are in warm agreement with a Welsh correspondent that, as regards public appointments, "there is too much advertising of posts as a matter of form when, as a matter of fact, the appointment is cut and dried." A case in point was that of Magistrates' Clerk at Welshpool, among the applicants being an ex-soldier who had served his articles as a solicitor. When the names came up for consideration by a special meeting of Justices, the Chairman, Colonel Mytton, thought "serious consideration" should be given to the claim of the ex-Service man, but in the next breath proposed the election of a local candidate who had never been in the Army at all. The Chairman had his way, and the ex-soldier was turned down—as so often happens when "cushy" jobs are going. Wales should do better.

Local Limerick.

(At a party given by Mrs. Louis Duveen, Grosvenor Place, a sweep was introduced, and beautiful Society women, chancing his soot, lined up and kissed him.)

There's a lady named Mrs. Duveen,
A sweep at her party was seen;
Each Society duck
Kissed his black face for luck—
Well-sooted their taste must have been!

Base Ingratitude.

The Ilford Education Committee appear badly to need educating in elementary patriotism and civic gratitude. An additional School Attendance Officer being required, they, ignoring the distressing fact that upwards of 1,000 ex-Service men in the district are drawing the Unemployment Dole, appointed a woman to the post. We don't envy that lady's reception at a house where a disabled and out of work soldier may chance to live.

Job for Heroes.

A job for heroes is, or has been, going at Great Yarmouth, where the County Education Committee want a cleaner for Cobholm Boys' School. The wages are £45 a year, for "man and wife preferred"; the duties don't seem to leave much time for golf; and the person appointed has to find "all materials necessary for cleaning purposes." What we should like to know is why the Education Committee are so recklessly squandering the ratepayers' money.

An Important Exception.

Having invested a considerable sum in War Savings Certificates in the name of her child, a lady reader at Morecambe was faced with sudden misfortune, and wished to withdraw the money. She was then informed, for the first time, of the rule by which "a War Savings Certificate registered in the name of a child cannot be repaid until the child has reached the age of seven." We fancy a good many investors may have overlooked this important exception to the oft-repeated statement that War Savings Certificates are repayable "on demand."

Black and White.

In the personal column of a recent issue of the *Edinburgh Evening News* appeared the following:—MATRIMONY.—Two young ladies, tall, refined, good-looking, wish to meet two young gentlemen, age 20-25 (Coloured Preferred). Genuine.—Apply, etc. Those two tall, refined, good-looking young ladies deserve to be laid across papa's knee and soundly spanked with papa's hard and horny hand. For a young lady to advertise in the public Press for a coloured mate is, happily, a form of refinement we do not often encounter. It is nauseating.

Police Provocation.

We regret to state that two members of the Spalding Police have been guilty of serious misconduct. Dressed up as soldiers, they recently visited the Greyhound Inn, Spalding, and there in the smoke-room infringed the law by making bets in a public place. It is true that the two policemen did not act in this way for their own amusement, but in pursuance of instructions, and for the purpose of trapping the publican and his friends into an offence; but in our judgment this does not excuse their conduct, though it may shift the blame to their superior officers. It is time this sort of thing was stopped.

A Brentford Unfit.

There is one obvious thing which Mr. H. J. Newens, of Brentford, ought to do—and which, indeed, his colleagues ought to see that he does do. This gentleman has been convicted and fined by the local Magistrates for selling 40 loaves short weight, and as he is not only a member of the District Council but a member of the Food Control Committee, he is evidently not a fit and proper person to be on either.

Oriental Columbia.

A Canadian fighter, now gone back home, tells us what he found in British Columbia. Everything is flourishing, the sawmills working day and night, but there is nothing for the Imperial veterans to do. It is all done by Japanese and Chinese. Plenty of these stayed at home and attended strictly to business, and are now small capitalists. Only yellow labour gets a look in, the soldier-man walks about and looks on. "It is a fair and beautiful land," says our friend on the spot, "but it is British Columbia no longer. It is Oriental Columbia!"

Rich and Poor.

A gentleman living in Sloane Square was charged with "stealing by finding" a diamond and gold brooch. He discovered it in a cab, did not give it up, but employed counsel in Court, and the Magistrate did not commit him for trial, but discharged him, stating that he agreed that there had been no felonious intent. . . . On December 2, a charwoman was arrested for "stealing by finding" £185 in Bank of England notes, picked up by her in the street. After several remands, the police being unable to trace the rightful owner, she has been committed for trial. As the case is still *sub judice* we must say no more at present. But we are doing what the sailor's parrot did.

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Work and Pay.

Out-of-work soldiers at Hull were asked to take on jobs as temporary postmen, and consented. They got up at four in the morn, and their week's pay was 23s. 1d. One man, with one child, had been getting 35s. unemployment money; another, with seven children, had been receiving 53s. Without going deeper into the matter, it is surely stupid to drive men to financial desperation just because they are at work.

The Miner's Scourge.

There are a considerable number of persons who, having contracted the terrible disease of "miner's phthisis" in the mines of South Africa, have returned to this country to eke out a miserable existence on the pittance allowed as compensation. For ex-miners resident in South Africa, the new Miner's Phthisis Act, 1919, makes improved provision, but it appears that this humane enactment affords no relief whatever to sufferers who have returned to Europe, or to the widows and orphans of those who have died outside South Africa. Surely this is a grave anomaly in an otherwise beneficent scheme.

An Hour Begrudged.

About 90 ex-sailors and soldiers, of Walton, Paston, and Gunthorpe, had a Re-Union Dinner and Concert at the "Paul Pry" Inn, Walton. It was a gladsome gathering, but would have been happier still if the Magistrates had not refused one hour's extension of time for the celebration. The said Magistrates, meanwhile, continue to grant extensions for dances and other functions of a semi-public character. Why those 90 good men and true should have been abruptly refused the one hour, we are at a loss to comprehend.

A Bishop and Another.

Dr. Perowne, of Plymouth, is the new Bishop of Bradford. He and wife have been househunting in that city, and have returned to Plymouth without success. So Bradford's leading Churchmen have publicly appealed for somebody to step forward and offer a nice habitation for the good Bishop. . . . An old lady, a widow, blind, is to be evicted from her cottage at Low Moor. She has lived in it 76 years, and her husband lost his life in the service of its owners, the Low Moor Co. There has been no appeal by leading Churchmen of Bradford on behalf of that poor old soul.

Fined for No Fault.

Charged in respect of the absence of proper lights on a motor lorry, Robert Larkinson, a mechanic in the Royal Air Force, stationed at the Bicester Aerodrome, was personally so little to blame that the Officer in Charge of Transport at Bicester attended at the Police Court to explain matters to the Magistrates. It appeared that the failure of the lamps was due to technical troubles, for which the defendant could not justly be held responsible. Nevertheless, the Bench, knowing that the man's pay was only 21s. a week and his keep, fined him £10, with the alternative of 13 days' imprisonment. The Bicester Justices must be a "scrumptious" lot.

The Loss of the "Lusitania."

When the *Lusitania* was torpedoed by the Huns, a stoker named Owen Slavin, of Dundalk, lost his left arm at the shoulder, whereby he was rendered incapable of following any employment. From 7th May, 1915, to 7th November last he was allowed £1 5s. 8d. a week—little enough in view of the frightful cost of living. But from the date last named that inadequate weekly sum has been reduced to 19s. Whether this was the act of a Government Department or of the Cunard S.S. Co. we are not at present in a position to say. But it was a measure of meanness despicable in the persons responsible for it.

"Merrie England."

A Peterborough landlord has secured an Order to evict certain tenants, an old-age pensioner and wife, their demobilised son (late prisoner) and his wife. The bailiffs forced the back door with a crowbar and took nominal possession. Then began a strange sequence of happenings. Men were engaged to shift the furniture to the outside, but when they saw the circumstances of the occupants, including the old lady ill in bed through shock, they refused to act. A second squad was engaged—they refused. And a third body of men, duly enrolled as furniture removers, declined to touch a stick. So now the bailiffs' officer sits in the kitchen "in possession," and the landlord, we hope, is learning a lesson in humanity from simple-hearted men who refused to do his bidding.

CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

This page is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To the Right Hon. Walter Long, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty.

DEAR MR. LONG,—As the minister responsible for the advice tendered to His Majesty, you are to be congratulated upon the decision to extend the Royal Clemency to a number of men in the Fleet and the Royal Marines sentenced to terms of imprisonment for offences against naval discipline. It has, as you know, been my earnest desire that the conclusion of Peace should be signalised by some such special Act of Mercy, and I am extremely gratified that my appeals have borne fruit. Especially am I pleased that you have seen your way to allow a considerable number of the prisoners to retain their places in the Service, where they may yet retrieve their characters. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. Councillor Lee, Hove Town Council.

DEAR LEE,—You recently supported the proposal of the Watch Committee to increase the pay of the Hove women police, stating that if they were not useful they were ornamental. If you are prepared to waste the ratepayers' money on such an arguable pretext, permit me to inform you that in your capacity of Town Councillor you are most decidedly neither ornamental nor useful. JOHN BULL.

To Alderman Redhead, Fletton Urban District Council.

DEAR BIGBUG,—According to your notion, you have solved the housing problem first pop. When the Chairman asked what was to be done, you settled it with:—"Well, let them build them themselves; everybody ought to live in his own house." Many of the persons referred to were ex-soldiers, who certainly have no means of building their own houses. Your smug complacency suggests that you live in Easy Street, but the blessings you enjoy ought to move you to sympathy with the less lucky, instead of throwing at them a senseless gibe.
JOHN BULL.

To Mr. Richard Florey, Carson Road, Plaistow, E.

DEAR GOOD SAMARITAN,—You might be excused if you repented your kindly acts, yet somehow I do not think you will. Pitying the distress of a couple you met in the street, you took them to your home, furnished them with food and lodging, and provided the man with money till he could find work. The wretches repaid you by stealing your property, but this base ingratitude—since, I am glad to say, suitably punished—does not detract from the lustre of your kindly action, the more creditable in that it might never have earned the meed of public recognition. Bravo, and better luck next time! JOHN BULL.

To the Chairman and Directors, North Lonsdale Iron and Steel Co., Ltd.

DEAR BOSSES,—You have not had such a bad year, all things considered. A dividend of 14 per cent., just declared by you, is not to be sneezed at, whilst £10,000 put away in the bank in case of accidents is a nice nest-egg. It was thoughtful of you to vote your good selves a bonus of £1,000. Nor did your well-doing end there, for you passed another vote—one of thanks to the workers and staff. I fancy I can hear them acknowledging same in the usual manner. Gentlemen, you are a hefty lot. JOHN BULL.

To Sir Philip Sassoon, Bart., M.P.

DEAR SIR PHILIP,—An ounce of practice is worth a ton of precept, and I congratulate you on the effective steps you are taking to alleviate the housing shortage in your own district of Folkestone. I understand that a substantial beginning has been made with some two dozen flats and cottages, you finding the capital, and thus enabling the Government grant to be earned. The scheme owes a great deal to your initiative, and although I do not suppose for a moment that you wish the facts to be advertised, it is only fair to state that any profits arising are to be used, not for your personal enrichment, but for the extension of the scheme over a wider area. Even the most extreme of Labour agitators could not object to this sort of "capitalism." Carry on! JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. John Squire Wilkinson, Primitive Methodist Minister, Winterton.

REV. SIR,—Young Herbert Naylor, of Goole, may have been a highly moral and even model young man at one time, moral and model enough to be a local preacher; and as he has been twice wounded in the Army, I for one would be very willing to give him full marks for previous character in the charge against him of stealing bicycles and bicycle lamps on a scale more wholesale than retail. That the Bench so regarded him is evident from the fact that they bound him over on one charge and fined him 5s. only on each of two others. But why, in your testimony on his behalf in the Scunthorpe Police Court, did you say his was "a case of the evil influence of the Army"? Hundreds of thousands of brave men and good citizens who have served and fought in the British Army will resent that as a personal affront. Would it not be fairer to say that the cause of this young man's downfall was not in the Army, but in himself? I will leave the matter there, in the hope that he will speedily get on the right course again—and, meanwhile, will keep out of the pulpit. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. Frederick Charles Ashford, Confectioner, London Road, Lowestoft.

SIR,—You certainly did try hard to make the Anti-Profiteering Tribunal believe that you are one of the innocents, but I suspect you overdid it. They might have accepted your plea that in taking a profit of 10½d. on a two-pound jar of jam just for passing it across the counter you had made a mistake, for some Anti-Profiteering Committees would believe anything; but when you told 'em you "didn't know the Control price was still on jam" I really think they came to the conclusion that you were a liar. At any rate, they fined you £5, and my own opinion is that you deserve the penalty. JOHN BULL.

To Police-Sergeant Clitheroe, Hyde, Cheshire.

DEAR SERGEANT,—I may be a little late, but I write now to congratulate you, and with you P.C. Hughes, Mr. Arthur Pollitt and Mr. Joseph Swindells, on having received the silver medal of the National Canine Defence League for your humane work in rescuing a poor dog after the man Melton, aided and abetted by another brute named Cartright, had thrown it into a river. It took you good fellows three hours to rescue the poor beast. It had then been "on a ledge, about six inches from the water-edge, for 76 hours, and when recovered was utterly exhausted." Melton and Cartright got off at the Police Court with the usual paltry fine, of course, though I feel they would have been more suitably rewarded with a good rope's end. The action of yourself and those who assisted you will be warmly appreciated by every dog-lover. JOHN BULL.

To the Right Hon. Lord Lee, President of the Board of Agriculture.

DEAR LORD LEE,—A Hastings man tells me that, as far back as 5th Jan. last year, he wrote to the Board from Buenos Aires, requesting a Permit to bring a small fox terrier here, and that his letter remained unanswered when, on 14th June, he landed at Liverpool with a clean bill of health for the dog. He registered a request for a Permit, but again the officials were either asleep or too busy eating chocolates to reply, and he had to wire to the Board several times before he received the answer that if a certain Liverpool firm would quarantine the dog a Permit would be sent—whereupon the said firm promptly demanded £20 cash down before they would take the animal in! The officials of the Board can and ought to do better than this. If they can't, I shall have to find means of tickling 'em up a bit. Meanwhile, you may like to do the tickling up yourself. Will you? JOHN BULL.

"JOHN BULL'S" WEEKLY CINEMA.

He's got a stiffish climb in view,
But work and pluck will see him through.

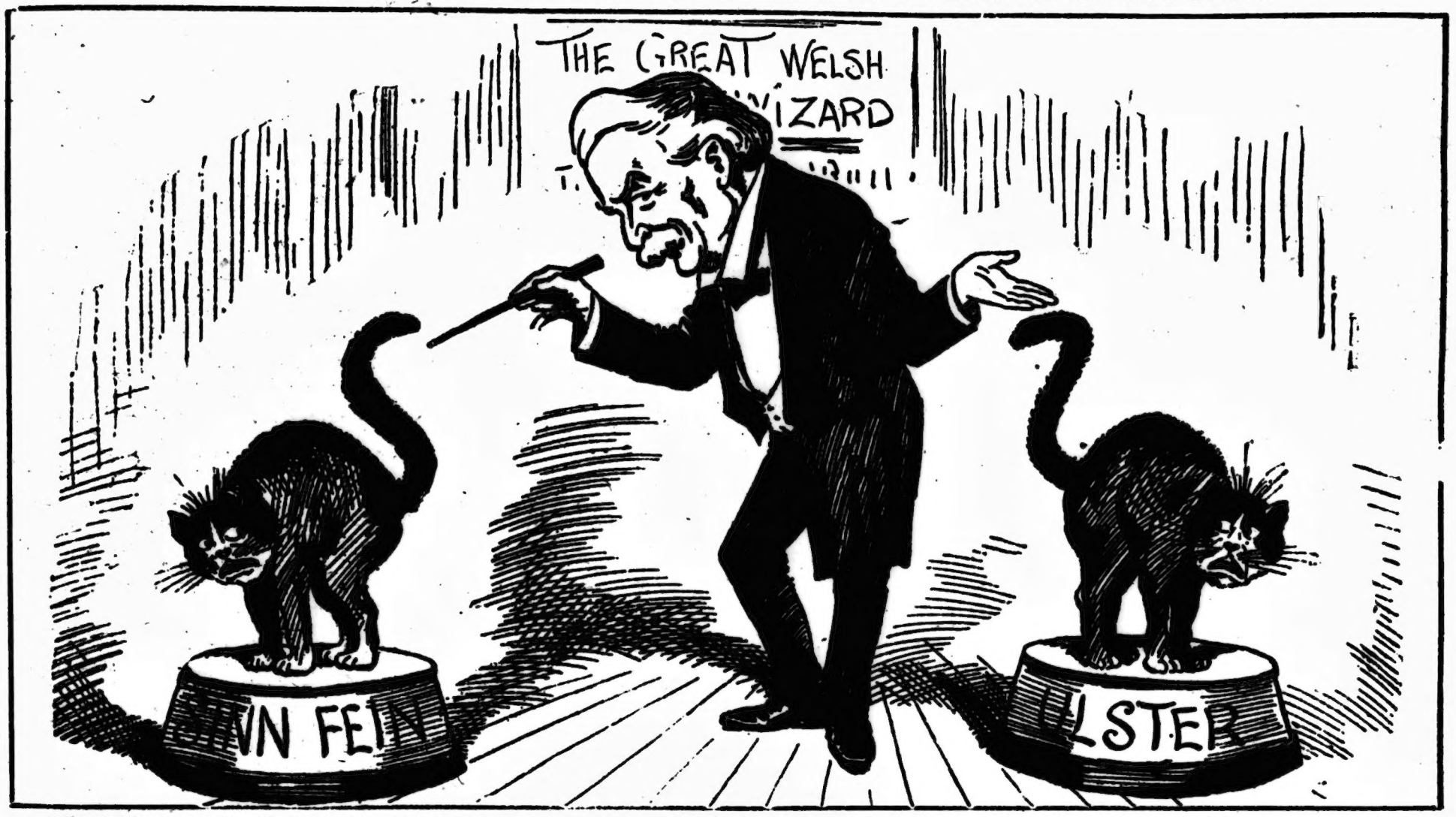
The big increase in railway rates,
The wily profiteer elates.

Death, not yet glutted by the war,
Through civil crime slays more and more.

The doughty Jap, without dismay,
Prepares the world's worst foe to slay.

SOME WIZARD!

The Government's Home Rule scheme provides for two Irish Houses of Parliament and a Joint Council.



PROFESSOR LLOYD GEORGE (the Welsh Wizard):—'Ladies and Gentlemen, we have here the historic Kilkenny cats. I shall now attempt the difficult feat of dispelling their natural enmity towards each other by tying their tails together!"

THE WORM TURNS.

"PEARL" AGENTS' JUSTIFIABLE REVOLT AGAINST OPPRESSION.

Although, as we have constantly pointed out in these columns, the collectors of the wealthy "Pearl" Assurance Company have been shockingly underpaid, it was not primarily on this account that the Agents' Union decided on a "down books" policy, to take effect at Christmas. For this final rupture, the Directors of the Company were responsible—the Managing Director, Mr. G. Shrubsall, having flatly declined to receive a deputation from the Union, when the whole of the matters in dispute might have been the subject of frank discussion.

If wishes are to be inferred from actions, it may be confidently stated that Mr. Shrubsall did not desire a settlement. At the end of November he went out of his way to add fuel to the flames by addressing to the Divisional Managers of the Company a "confidential" letter in which, while the men's claims were contemptuously ignored, it was artfully pointed out that the loss of business resulting from a strike would mean lessened commission for the higher officials, who ought therefore to use every possible means of dissuading the agents from "extreme action." The trouble is, as Mr. Shrubsall quite well knows, that as long as the agents were content to put forward their demands quietly and to abstain from threats, their claims were treated with contemptuous indifference—even the elementary demand for a suitable bonus to cover the present abnormal cost of living being rejected with hardhearted disdain. If ever the strike weapon is justified, it is in the case of men goaded into revolt through the failure of their persistent efforts to secure a living wage. Even the £3 a week minimum they ask for is not riches nowadays!

THE PROFITEERING FARCE.

DISGUSTING APATHY AND LENIENCY OF LOCAL COMMITTEES.

The hurried amendment of the Profiteering Act on the eve of the Parliamentary Recess is likely to prove of little value apart from a more active display of zeal by the Profiteering Committees. The slackness of some of these bodies is simply deplorable. At Leicester, for instance, the greatest difficulty has been experienced in preserving a quorum of members at the sittings of the Committee, and on at least one occasion recently messengers have had to be sent around to whip up absentees. The following is the way it was euphoneously put in a local newspaper report:—"Councillor J. W. Smith presided over a Committee which at the outset numbered 14 members, but only a few of them endured to the end."

With such laxity prevailing, it is not surprising that the decisions of the Leicester Committee should be exposed to severe criticism; the public really cannot be expected to bubble over with gratitude when, in a clear case of overcharging, an offending shopkeeper is ordered to refund the sum of 3d., with apologies for troubling him—while case after case is adjourned for "further inquiries," generally at the instance of tradesmen who have had every opportunity of preparing their defence. From the reports available, it appears that not in a single recent case have the Leicester Committee decided on a prosecution, their notion evidently being that the worst instances of profiteering can be disposed of by a few words of friendly remonstrance and a polite request to the offending tradesman to refund a certain proportion of his illicit gains. It is this sort of thing that is reducing the Profiteering Act to a farce, and driving the hapless householder to despair.

A POOR JOKE.

"SOLDIERS' SETTLEMENT" AS UNDERSTOOD BY COLONIAL OFFICIALS.

Some time ago we offered congratulations to a number of distinguished individuals who had been lucky in a land lottery organised by the authorities in British East Africa. It appears that the scheme was intended to assist ex-soldiers and others with war service to their credit, and to encourage aspiring agriculturists to take up farms in East Africa, two entirely worthy objects—the first list of war-workers to be thus encouraged to earn an honest living including Lady Belfield, the Countess of Sefton, Brigadier-General Lord Esmo Gordon-Lennox, Lord Francis Scott and Lieutenant-General Sir G. Gough. While not denying that each and all of these ladies and gentlemen may have "done their bit" with credit and distinction, we are at a loss to understand why they should be allowed to participate in a so-called "Soldiers' Settlement" scheme which, to judge by the language of its promoters, was intended to reward men who at the call of patriotism had sacrificed their civil employment.

That the extraordinary way in which the scheme has been worked should have excited intense dissatisfaction locally is not surprising, stress being naturally laid upon the ability of some successful competitors to purchase land for themselves in British East Africa without ousting humbler and more deserving applicants who, without its aid, might have been unable to undertake the risks of agricultural enterprise in this rich and promising field. If the truth of the matter is that only those with considerable capital could hope to profit by the arrangement, it would have been better not to indulge in the farce of a "Soldiers' Settlement" campaign.

ANOTHER TRAITOR TROUNCED.

CAREER AND CONDEMNATION OF THE NOTORIOUS ALEISTER CROWLEY.

RECENTLY we called the attention of the police and the public to the announcement that Frank Harris, a base creature who has fouled the national nest, and had cast mud at Britain from the safe security of America—before our cousin came into the war—was returning to this country. Now we hear that that traitorous, degenerate, Aleister Crowley, is anxious to sneak back to the land he has sought to defile.

Crowley is no stranger to the columns of JOHN BULL. As long ago as November, 1910, we pilloried this man for his bestial posturings and his disgusting blasphemies. He was then, forsooth, the inventor of a new religion, with its pseudo-teaching supposed to be derived from the mediæval alchemists, and its licentious cult in which dark rooms, impressionable women and poems recited to throbbing music played their appointed part. But, having then denounced this person, we should well have been content to leave his so-called religion to the execration and disgust of every healthy-minded man. But, as we observed in relation to Frank Harris, the war which brought out the best in human nature, also forced the scum to the top, and Aleister Crowley is of the scum.

Like Harris, he sought satisfaction for his degraded soul in America, and, like Harris, he was heralded as "a distinguished literary man." O! literature, what offences are committed in thy name! He was heralded as a poet; the fact that he won Honours at Cambridge adds to his dishonour. Never forget that when these traitors and renegades emitted the venom of their poisoned natures in America the war was in its early stages—the die had been cast, the issue was in the balance. Crowley added such power as his pen could command to the campaign of calumny against his native land, and vied with Harris in the cruel bitterness of his invective. Easily getting in touch with one George Sylvester Viereck, a German-American, and one of Dernberg's agents, and the owner of such notorious German journals as the *Fatherland* and the *International Monthly*, Crowley found a ready market for his prostituted talents. In July, 1917, this creature assumed sole control of the *International*, and changing the cover into the hated Hun colours of black and yellow, launched out into a propaganda of venom more cruel and virulent than before. But earlier, in the autumn of 1916, the *Deutschland* arrived in America—the super-submarine which by the irony of fate has now come into our possession, and is being visited by hundreds of thousands at its anchorage in the Thames.

That masterpiece of the enemy's mechanism of destruction carried on its voyage copies of Count Reventlow's book, "The Vampire of the Continent"—a false and bitter arraignment of British policy from the days of Queen Elizabeth. Naturally, the *Fatherland*, and equally naturally Aleister Crowley, took it as a text for one more onslaught on the Old Country—the country which stood between the Hun and the destruction of civilisation. And this is a sample of his traitorous writing:—

> There is only one solution to the problem of England's piracy—the Sovereignty of England must be destroyed once and for all. England herself has understood this with admirable if devilish clarity. It is for this reason that she has not only destroyed the Sovereignty of Ireland, but deliberately ravaged and depopulated it. She must be made to swallow a dose of her own medicine. England must be divided up between the Continental Powers. She must be a mere province, or better still, colonies of her neighbours, France and Germany. Count Reventlow has found the word for the situation: that word is "vampire." Let him look therefore to tradition. It is not enough to kill a vampire in the ordinary way. Holy water must be used and holy herbs. It must be severed limb from limb, its heart torn out, and the charred remains run through with the stake.

Now we ask, in all seriousness, can such a dirty renegade be permitted to return to the country he has spurned and insulted? We await an assurance from the Home Office or the Foreign Office that steps are being taken to arrest the renegrade or to prevent his infamous feet ever again polluting our shores. In August, 1915, Crowley wrote this in a Chicago magazine, *The Open Court*:—

> In the present crisis there are more pigmies than men. Obscene dwarfs like George V., pot-bellied *bourgeois* like Poincaré, could only become heroic by virtue of some Rabelais' magic-wand. . . . But Wilhelm II. is the genius of his people. He has the quality that Castor and Pollux had for Rome. . . . He seems omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, the very Angel of God, terrible and beautiful, sent to save the Fatherland from savage foes. Even if he perish, he will not perish as a man. He will acquire the radiance of Milton's Satan, and go down the ages as the hero of the great lost cause of humanity.

To what extent this picture, so blasphemous, grotesque, represents the skulking figure of Ammerongen we need not stop to inquire. It is enough for us that it was painted by the creature whom, we are credibly informed, intends to return to this country, if the authorities are supine enough to permit him. We warn the Government of the danger they run. Both Harris and Crowley pose as patriotic Irishmen. They are dangerous firebrands; we pay them the compliment of declaring that their presence here or in Ireland would involve perilous consequences. It is the duty of the Government, in the natural interest and for the sake of that splendid patriotism which these creatures have denied, to take immediate and effective action against them.

A HEATED EPISODE.

MONTH'S GAOL FOR A SMACK OF THE FACE.

A Wolverhampton couple write to us in deep distress because their son, a respectable lad of 19, has been sentenced to a month's imprisonment with hard labour. It is impossible not to share their feelings. The charge against the young man was one of assault and battery preferred by a girl working with him at the premises of Messrs. W. H. Tildesley, of Wilden-hall. The following version of the matter from the local Press report contains the essential facts. "The defendant passed a red-hot horse-shoe in her direction, and it singed her skirt. She threw it back in his direction. Defendant then chased her out into the yard and struck her in the face, and made her nose bleed."

It does not appear that the girl was seriously injured, and although the young man, not without provocation, had lost his temper and forgotten the forbearance due towards a woman, it would certainly seem that there was nothing in the case to warrant the sentence of imprisonment "without the option," especially in view of the young fellow's exemplary record. In the Wolverhampton district the crime of assault is not always so severely punished. In respect of a charge in which, according to the Magistrates, a young woman had been the victim of a "cowardly and unprovoked attack," the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of £2 2s In the case of the lad sent to prison there had obviously been a quarrel with faults on both sides, in the course of which the defendant had momentarily lost control of his temper. We believe that in sending the boy to prison the Stipendiary Magistrate, Mr. N. C. A. Neville, exceeded the requirements of justice. The defendant should have had the benefit of the First Offenders' Act.

DO YOU WANT TO BE RICH?

"CHEAP AND NASTY" RECIPES FROM SHEFFIELD.

If it were not evidently an impudent swindle, the scheme put forward by the Reliance Company, Eckington, Sheffield, might be something a great deal worse. For the sum of eighteenpence these shady merchants undertake to supply a book entitled "Secrets of Wealth," including "520 Money-Making Recipes," among the attractions specially notable being "Trade Tricks Revealed" and "Horsedealers' Secrets and Jockey Tricks." On receipt of the wonderful volume—actually little more than a pamphlet—the seeker after knowledge is told "How to Shave Without a Razor," "How to Engrave on Copper and Brass," "How to make Printing Blocks," etc., the quality of these recipes being on a par with the "Fishing Secret," explaining that "Mullein Seed pulverised, and mixed with dough . . . intoxicates the fish and makes them turn up on the top of the water." Another interesting feature is the recipe for a "Sober Up Compound"—mostly quinine and ammonia—the effect of which, we are told, and can well believe, is that "no matter how much a man has drank, a dose will sober him."

As to horse-faking, there are directions how "To Put a young Countenance on a Horse" by surgical means and "To Make a Horse Lame," these and other cruel and stupid suggestions being put forward in such a way as to convey the impression of a profound acquaintance with the nefarious operations of the horse-faking fraternity. On the whole, the pretentious roguery of the Reliance Company, whoever they may be—by hiding their identity, the principals are guilty of a flagrant breach of the Business Names Act—is the last word in Mail Order ramps, and folks who pay 1s. 6d. for this packet of rubbish will get what they deserve.

OUR CHRISTMAS POOR FUND.

We have great pleasure in publishing the following further list of subscriptions received in response to our recent appeal:—

Mr. & Mrs. C. A. H. (Haverstock Hill), £3; L. A. G. (Croydon), 5s.; "Unemployed," 1s.; A. D. (Spilsby), 10s.; Mr. E. (Barnes), £1; "A Wellwisher," £1; G. L. M., £1; K. B. (Bristol), 2s. 6d.; Anon (Kingston), 2s. 6d.; "Fairlight," 2s.; H. D., 2s. 6d.; "An Ex-Soldier's Wife," 4s.; "Molly," 3s.; E. P. (Surbiton), 6s.; "A Wellwisher" (Southend), 3s.; E. J., 5s.; Anon. (Carlisle), 1s. 6d.; A. E. S. (Ticehurst), 15s.; W. A. R. (Cardiff), 1s.; G. C. H., 10s.; "A Mother of 15," 10s.; M. H. K., 2s. 6d.; F. M. S., 2s. 6d.; B. G. M. (Colywn Bay), £1; Mrs. R. M. (Tiverton), 10s.; "A Reader" (Sudbury), 5s.; S. E. T., 5s.; "An Old Age Pensioner," 5s.; A. C. R., 3s.; Anon., 1s.; "Cup of Water," 1s.; M. M. J., 10s.; E. W. (East Croydon), 10s.; A. A. H., 1s.; "Annie," 5s.; "P. W.—In Memory of Kitty," 10s.; R. McD., 1s.; "Tommy M." (Accrington), 2s. 6d.; Mrs. M. E. M. (Cleckheaton), £1; "Inter-nos," 5s.; R. S. (Jersey), £5; Mrs. F. J. H. (St. Ives), £1 and parcel; W. C. D. (Brixton), 10s. 6d.; R. A., 10s.; G. B. (Stroud), 2s. 6d.; H. A. (Dymchurch), £5; Mrs. S. S. (S. Tottenham), 10s.; Anon. (Devonport), 5s.; "Irene," 2s.; W. W., 5s.; T. and L. C. (Woking), 5s.; T. P., 2s.; "The Idiot," 5s.; M. A. C., 5s.; A. V. K. (Southend), 5s.; Mrs. F. C. (Thornton Heath), 5s.; "Orion," 5s.; K. H., 5s.; "Corfu," 5s.; Mrs. C. (Finchley), 2s. 6d.; J. O. C. (King's Cross), £1; C. F. C., 4s.; Anon., 2s.; "A Soldier's Widow" (Kilkenny), 15s.; N. N., 10s.; "John and Mary," 2s.; "Ex-Naval," 2s.; A. K. (Bournemouth), 10s.; E. J. L. and J. P. L., £1; R. M., 3s.; Mrs. E. J. P. (Saltley), 10s.; M. D. (Malso), 2s. 6d.; S. A. W., 10s.; C. J. (Hornsey Rise), 1s.; E. G. (Lowestoft), £1; H. H. (Konig Hill), 2s.; Anonymous, 2s.; Mrs. M. E. M. (Cockermouth), 2s.; T. H. (Cardiff), 10s.; F. E. B., 5s.; "Helen and Joan," 2s.; M. K. (Chiswick), 2s. and parcel; A. M., 5s.; L. P. (Topsham), 1s.; Mrs. L. (Caterham), 2s. 6d.; J. D. (Stockport), 5s.; R. B. C., 2s. 6d.; "Twins" (Carlin How), £1; "Aileen," 1s.; W. C. B. (Cheltenham), 1s.; W. C. H. (Droxford), 5s.; W. P. (Muswell Hill), 5s.; Mrs. D., 5s.; "Widow's Mite," (S. Shields), 5s.; Mrs. A. C. (Hayling Island), 10s.; C. S. B. (West Green), 10s.; H. E. G. (Heacham), 2s. 6d.; Mrs. M. C. (Lowestoft), 2s. We have also received parcels of toys, clothing, etc., from the following:—D. R.; E. P. (Leicester); L. P. (Abbey Wood); C. E. (Risby); "A Sympathetic Mother"; Mrs. A. (Hammersmith); Mrs. H. P. (Palmer's Green); M. H. J.; Mrs. G. W. (Sittingbourne); L. G. M.; Mrs. S. (Kent); "Notting Hill"; Anon. (Basingstoke); "Hapwell"; J. H. (Southend-on-Sea); Mrs. W. S. (Derby); Mrs. E. D. (Monkton); M. B. and L. A. (Cardiff); A. W. (Bembridge); F. A. D. (Norfolk); "A Mother of Eight"; Anon; H. F. B. (Wednesbury); Mrs. M. (Turriff); Gretna, N.B.; S. and A. C. (Glasgow); Mrs. M. (Fakenham); M. H. (Walthamstow), "Reader of J.B." (Newton); Mrs. F. C. (Manor Park); J. B. (Baron's Court); H. A. W. (Gloucester); P. J.; J. and M. H. (Derby); Anon. (Wolverhampton); Mrs. L. (Charlton); Mrs. R. B. (Edgbaston); E. W. (Blackpool); Mrs. W. (Canterbury).

STARVED IN COVENTRY.

COLLAPSE AFTER A YEAR'S UNEMPLOYMENT.

There was a man of Coventry out of work for a year. He was an iron turner, a skilled man. His son, 18, was a moulder, out of work also, through the strike. Towards the end there was but 5s. a week to support the two of them—that small sum, and a kindly landlady, who did her best. The father had only one hot dinner a week. He went off cheerily to a new job one morning, but collapsed and died. They said at the inquest that it was a latent form of heart-disease, accentuated by lack of food. In other words, gentlemen of the jury, starvation by slow stages! It is a deplorable thing to find that a skilled man, an iron-turner—a trade upon which almost all industries depend—can slowly starve to death in a busy and prosperous city and in a land of plenty! That father, emaciated and exhausted as he was, went to work with a laugh—to die before the sun set. To whom shall the blame be apportioned?

WAGES THAT LED TO WRONG.

MAYOR'S REBUKE TO HASTINGS TRADESMAN.

There was an interesting case at Hastings when two men, otherwise of good character, were fined for taking and receiving certain goods belonging to Edward Ward Amoore, trading as Amoore and Son, grocers, of that town. One was married, with a family, and his wages were 34s. 6d. a week. The Magistrates publicly announced they were of opinion that the firm had not paid him a fair wage. This remark was loudly applauded in Court, and the position of Messrs. Amoore was not improved by the statement of their manager that the man had been paid what he first asked for, but "his wages had been advanced considerably since." The Mayor, astonished, cried, "Then you did not give him that (34s. 6d.) at first? I am expressing the opinion of the Bench, and have nothing more to say." Nor need much more be said, except that such a salary to a husband and father is shameful. And Amoore is not a small poverty-stricken tradesman, being Chairman of the Grocers' Buying Association!

BREAKING BOUNDS.

PARENTAL FONDNESS DEEMED A CRIME.

At Glasgow, the other day, a respectable couple named Mathieson were brought up at the Southern Police Court on a charge of "harbouring" their own eleven-year-old child. Bailie Campbell found them both guilty, and fined each of them £5, with the alternative of 30 days in gaol. Let us peep at the facts. It appears that the eleven-year-old boy had been allowed a day's holiday from an Industrial School, where he was undergoing a period of detention, and when the time came for his return the parents, whose natural affection for their offspring was unabated, were reluctant to part with him; indeed, so lost were they to all sense of propriety that, according to Mr. M'Kendrick, the Juvenile Delinquency Officer, they "did all they could to keep him." Just think of it! Was there ever so black a page in the whole catalogue of crime? The sole excuse tendered by the Mathiesons was that the boy was ill, as, indeed, he may have been for all the evidence to the contrary that was advanced at the police court; but the Bailie chose to disbelieve the statement—and, making no allowance for the natural feelings of the parents, satisfied the official thirst for vengeance. Fancy, £5 or 30 days—not for ill-treating the youngster or turning him out of doors, but for keeping him at home and making a fuss of him for a few hours longer than his jailers allowed! And a week or so ago was Christmas in this enlightened land!

REMARKABLE INNOVATION!

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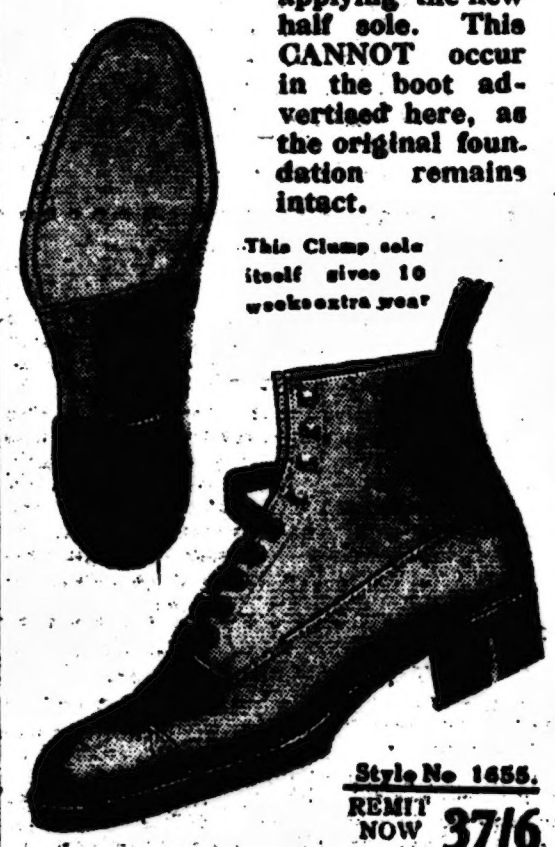

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> I have to inform you that your father, Henry Burchett, died in Woolwich Workhouse on 28th June, 1918. The amount overpaid by you is £7. If you will write me, making a formal application for that amount, I will submit the same to the Guardians with the view of obtaining repayment of the same.

The figure of £7 suggests that an extremely heavy deduction has been made for funeral expenses, but that is not the main point. When this letter was written, the poor old man had been dead and buried for 18 months. In a subsequent communication the Acting Collector apologises for this amazing "error," his aim evidently being to smooth over the occurrence and prevent disagreeable inquiries. But the matter is too serious for that. Only appalling negligence could have allowed this old man to die without the knowledge of his relatives, and payments to be received for 18 months after his death and receipts furnished as though nothing had happened. The Lewisham Guardians should order a searching Inquiry on their own account.

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Mesopotamia.

What is to become of Mesopotamia? The country has a bad name, chiefly on account of the Mesopotamian Scandal, and the fact that most of the Britishers who were there during the Great War had to undergo long periods of terrible hardships. But if they had lived as civilians, they would have had a different story to tell. The soil of the country is some of the richest in the world.—C. LEXHAM, Canterbury Road, West Worthing.

Soldiers' "Promised Land."

Cannot the Government appoint a Committee who will pledge themselves to support the ex-soldiers in obtaining small-holdings? Most large landowners and farmers are against small-holdings and the "Acquisition Act." There are thousands of ex-soldiers still waiting for the "Promised Land," and the country is seething with discontent. It is time the right men were selected on the Councils, and the Government kept their promises and saw fair play to ex-soldiers.—H. S. BAKER, Wood Farm, E. Dereham, Norfolk.

"Skilled" Trades.

The Trade Unions should combine, and allow any man to work in any trade or calling at which he is capable of earning a living. There are thousands of men in this country who could follow various so-called "skilled" trades, but are forced, through the present conservative methods of Trade Unions, to spend their days as general labourers—often thrown on the Unemployment Dole for a period! There are very few trades that require five to seven years to become proficient in.—W. M. MATHEW, West Doura Place, Kilwinning, Ayrshire.

Lords *v.* "The People's Will."

What ulterior motive led the House of Lords to delete what must be looked upon as the most vital clause in the Aliens' Restriction Bill? To "the man-in-the-street" there is only one answer. It was "an insult to the nation's intelligence," for the House of Commons were given a clear mandate on the question at the last Election. This action of the Lords serves to strengthen the opinion that the Upper House, as now constituted, is obsolete, and a hindrance to Democratic Government.—S. J. BOND, Park Villa, Witham, Essex.

Miners and Nationalisation.

"Smillie" and a few of the extremists are out for Nationalisation without a ballot being taken to ascertain whether we miners are in favour of it. There would be an increase of officials, and these extremists are seeking soft jobs. We shall all want to be officials; then who is going to do the work? Labour will not work for Labour, neither will it be bossed about by Labour. Coal would be dearer than it is to-day. Labour agitators are not satisfied with a living wage; they are out for a cushy job, and to live on their fellow workmen!—J. SMITH, Terrace Street, Nottingham.

Fleecing Merchant Seamen.

The profiteering practised by some masters of merchant vessels should be brought to public notice. Tobacco is an example. For one brand of cigarettes, identically the same in number and quality, the prices on three different ships are 1s. 6d., 1s. 9d. and 2s. 6d. per tin, the retail price being 1s. 8d. Hard plug tobacco in Gibraltar is retailed at 3s. 2d. per lb. One master, after purchasing the same tobacco at wholesale rates, sells it on board at 5s. 6d. per lb. Can someone suggest a remedy?—R. GREENALL, Grove Road, Walton-le-Dale, Preston.

London's Fish Supply.

Some years ago a large fish market was built fronting St. Marylebone Church, but Billingsgate said, "Thou shall have none other Billingsgate but me." The sidings of the Great Central Railway come just underneath this market, which is now used to store aeroplane spare parts. At these sidings there is ample room for an open-air fish market. It could be Grimsby fish docks one end, and this market the other. It is owing to the cost of loading and unloading at Billingsgate, with its fee for every move and its transit through the streets of London, that cartage costs three times more than in pre-war days, adding heavily to the price of fish.—WILSON GARNER, Bell St., N.W 1.

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mrs. Cheetham.

Cost of Law-Breaking.

When the cost of everything has risen so much, why should not the cost of wrong-doing be also increased? The standard of fines imposed by Magistrates still remains at the pre-war level. If fines were proportionately increased by 100 per cent., the country's finances would benefit, and it might have the effect of restraining *some* of the evil-doers from their ways!—A. W. KETELBEY, Frognal, Hampstead.

Answering Advertisements.

As a Labour Officer in a large works, I rely largely on adverts. to obtain suitable employees, and it is surprising the number of applicants who place themselves out of court straight away by not giving the necessary details called for in the adverts. Doubtless some of them are good men, but a Labour Officer is a busy man, and those applicants who take the trouble to give the necessary details, provided their qualifications are suitable, are the men who get the jobs.—W. ATTEN, Park Road, Chilwell.

The Independent M.P.

All the Parliamentary Electors should watch their M.P.s' work in the House. I feel certain that most electors will also agree with me that the "Independent M.P." is a much more useful Member than all the "Party Hacks." It's up to us working men to vote for the man who is independent of Party, whenever the next election takes place; and I feel sure we shall then be able to say that at last we have a Government who are honestly working for the benefit of our country, and of us all, and not for a Political Party.—E. GREEN, Westbourne St., Liverpool.

Wives' Pocket-Money.

Why do not the working-class married men make it a rule to allow their wives a little pocket-money? It would make them more contented and bring more happiness between husband and wife. The great majority of these men give just enough money to keep the *menage* going, and make sure to have enough for their pockets, allotting nothing for the wife herself, who is filling the post of cook, maid and nurse combined. If these men would only try to cast off that sort of selfishness and start by giving to their wives even a half-a-crown, their efforts would be doubly rewarded.—Mrs. CHEETHAM, Victoria Avenue, Newtownards, Co. Down.

Teach Modern Languages.

By the time the rising generation has arrived at manhood and womanhood, competition in trade will be keener than it has ever been before. The Englishman, however, is severely hampered by his ignorance of European languages. French and German are taught only in secondary schools, and then but one is usually taken. Even though the elementary schools are mostly supported by municipal rates, the outlay of a few pence per head for languages would be amply repaid by helping to make the Motherland more prosperous.—G. W. JORDAN, Linden Crescent, Folkestone.

The Speculative Builder.

It is unfair to speculative builders to attribute the dearth of houses to a "ring" among them. The real causes are, first, the Finance Act of 1910, by which the Government appropriates a large portion of the increase in value of land due to the erection of a house thereupon; secondly, the recent Act compelling public bodies to build and to let at unremunerative rentals—no private builder can build in competition with a rate-aided and Government-subsidised body—and, thirdly, the present scarcity and consequent increase in cost of building materials, whilst Labour is clamouring for cheapness. Repeal the Act of 1910 and give up rate aids and subsidised building. You will then soon find the speculative builder (a very useful person) at work again, and there will be houses to let, though not at pre-war prices.—THOMAS JONES, Peutre Cottage, Lampeter, Cardiganshire.

"Private" and "Panel" Patients.

How is it a panel patient is advised to take one tablespoonful of his medicine "*in water*," while a private patient is advised to take two tablespoonfuls—the chemist supplying the extra water and charging more for the bottle of medicine than the Government allows for panel patients? Why should private patients be put to this extra expense?—Mrs. M. E. BENNETT, Abergele Road, Stanley, Liverpool.

German—and Dear.

I have just paid 25s. for a small accordion, which before the war would have cost 6s. 6d. When I reached home I discovered "Made in Germany" engraved thereon. Upon taking the article back to the retailer, he said that they had just been imported from Germany, and he had to pay the wholesaler. Twenty-five shillings is too much for German stuff. I would willingly pay that price if it had been of BRITISH make—"British" every time.—LILIAN WARD, Clarence Gardens, Regent's Park.

Dancing Dangers.

I recently found a public dancing-hall so crowded that scores of people, wanting to dance, were unable to find space on the floor, and the air was poisonous. As I fled, I saw the smiling attendant still raking in the shillings from would-be dancers. The authorities should stop this criminal overcrowding. Each public dancing hall should be inspected; its dancing capacity assessed; and the proprietors forbidden, under pain of heavy penalties, to allow more than the prescribed number to enter. The health as well as the comfort and safety of the public is at stake.—G. L. CLUE, West Street, Newport., I.W.

"Strike" Losses.

Miners, railwaymen, moulders, and many other trade unionists should make out individually a balance sheet for the year, showing wages taken, and losses owing to trade disputes. They will be amazed at the deficit as compared with the previous year's work, and will surely call their leaders to account! Every Trade Unionist of common-sense—and there are a few—will at once realise that it is bad policy to strike for some anticipated wrong that may be done to him at a future date; and will decide to wait until that wrong is actually attempted before going on strike.—W. F. WYATT, Samuel Road, Ipswich.

Celluloid Dangers.

Legislation should be carried through immediately with regard to the cinema film business, and all trades manufacturing or employing quantities of celluloid. Burning celluloid has effects not far removed from high explosive. No person is allowed to store H.E. in a block of buildings in the middle of a city, but one can with impunity store a considerable amount of the equally dangerous celluloid. All agencies for the manufacture and distribution of films should be allowed to occupy only isolated "danger" buildings, of such construction as to minimise peril to other trades.—STEPHEN G. MACKAY, Eldon Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Watch-Glass Industry.

Having read of the Brighton diamond-cutting firm, I suggest that someone with a bit of capital and intelligence should set up a factory for the manufacture of watch-glasses. There is at the present time a great demand for, and a great dearth of, watch-glasses. One has to pay 9d., or even more, for one, and then wait for days for it. Shopkeepers say: "We can't get them from Switzerland"; but why get them from abroad? They could easily be made here in England. The work could be done by wounded and maimed ex-Service men, and it would be found a most remunerative business.—ERNEST HENRY, Dorothy Road, Battersea.

Our Debt to the U.S.A.

In view of our difficulty in obtaining a future Trade balance with the United States—owing to the large sums of money borrowed from them and the deferred payment of interest due—would it not be a good policy to raise enough money by Loan in this country—say £1,000,000,000 at 5 per cent. free of income tax—and pay off the debt? This would re-establish our credit and raise the £ sterling to its pre-war standard. At the same time, the tax-payer at home would reap the benefit of something like £50,000,000, paid to America every year in interest alone.—JOHN OWEN, Heysham Rd., S. Tottenham.

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Who Killed John Simon?—I Take a Ne

By THE ED

"WHO killed John Simon?" Well, look at the figures, and remember what appeared in these columns three weeks ago; and I think I can answer: "I killed John Simon." And I did it solely on grounds of public policy. I thought—and Spen Valley, as we now know, thought so too—that the man who deserted the Government in the crisis of the war, who tried to weaken the position of the King's Ministers when the call for men "and yet more men" came to us in clarion tones from the gallant fellows in the trenches, was not the type of politician who, now that the strife is ended and victory won, has a right to claim to take part in carrying out the great work of reconstruction. Well, I am proud of any share I have had in killing—or, at least, scotching—the revived political ambitions of this gentleman; and however else others may view the result of the recent bye-election, I regard it as a triumph for JOHN BULL. This journal will have no truck with wobblers—equally it will never forget the record of the Doubting Thomases and the men of poor faith, who could not believe either in the grit of our young manhood or in the glorious destiny that yet awaits us as an Empire. Sir John Simon failed us in the hour of peril. He may plead that he acted in accordance with his conscience; but when conscience is clouded by fetish and is inimical to patriotism, then I begin to question even conscience. Well, Spen Valley has taught Sir John Simon a lesson, and equally it speaks with no uncertain voice to the Government. Advanced Labour has secured the seat—but only, as the figures show, because more moderate opinion was divided between the Coalition and the Asquith candidates. A single man of independent views in a straight fight with Labour would have won in a canter.

No One Wants an Asquith Government.

And this brings me to a matter of a more immediate and personal character, which I would preface with a few reflections. What the country really wants is neither unreasoning hostility towards, nor slavish subservience to, the Coalition Government. Neither the reckless "smasher" nor the silent or smooth-tongued sycophant can be usefully employed at Westminster. It is not a time for the violence of the iconoclast or the passivity of the political fatalist. What we want is not to turn out the present Government—the effect of which almost certainly would be an uncomfortable and useless transition "from the frying-pan to the fire"—but to keep Ministers up to the scratch, to strengthen their hands in all good work, and to apply the spur of effective criticism as often as they show signs of slackening in the great tasks to which they are committed. Looking around, it is not easy to discern the outlines of an alternative Government, which must at least be in sight before we accord to our present rulers the Order of the Boot. No one desires to see the destinies of this great Empire again entrusted to Mr. Asquith, Sir John Simon, Mr. Masterman, or any other of the exponents of decayed Liberalism and discredited political shibboleth. Labour, as its leading spokesmen admit, though growing rapidly in political power and influence, is not yet ready to assume the responsibilities of Government, its representatives in the House of Commons—varying in opinions from Continental Bolshevism to milk-and-water-Socialism—having so far signally failed to coalesce into an effective political force. Nevertheless, the increasing Labour vote at the by-elections, notably at St. Albans and at Bromley (quite apart from the win in the three-cornered contest at Spen Valley), where a few years ago the appearance of a Labour candidate would have excited loud derision, is not without its significance as bearing upon the attitude of the electors towards the Coalition Ministry.

"Not Good Enough."

Let me say this: the posture of "open your mouth and shut your eyes and see what Lloyd George will give you" is no longer good enough for the Man-in-the-Street and the Woman-in-the-Home—who, in the past five years, have made immense strides in political education. Resolved no longer to tolerate the perpetuation of war conditions in time of peace, determined that burning social problems—such, for example, as the solution of the Housing deadlock—shall no longer be postponed, the voters are casting round for some effective means of making their views known and their voices heard within the walls of the House of Commons, through Members who owe no subservience to the Treasury Bench. And small blame to them! In the present state of political affairs, one free and independent Member of Parliament, so long as patriotism and principle are his guides, is worth ten pledge-bound automata. Moreover, in my judgment, the tendency of the electors to seek independent and conscientious representation is worthy of every encouragement; and although here and there there may be a danger lest the prevailing discontent may play into the hands of the revolutionaries, I am willing to take that risk rather than see Parliament reduced to the level of a mere machine for recording the decrees of the Cabinet. The dignity of the Mother of Parliaments must not suffer that fell eclipse.

I Take a New Line.

And that brings me to the main purpose of this article, which is to announce a development in the policy of JOHN BULL, which I hope to commend to every reader. Owing to the lamented death of Sir Charles Henry, the Coalition M.P. for the Wrekin Division of Shropshire, a by-election becomes necessary in that constituency, and with a view to assisting the voters in their desire for representation in Parliament by a man of sound principles and independent views, I have sent the following letter to them:—

> LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The regrettable death of your late Member and my old friend, Sir Charles Henry, renders necessary an election for a Member of Parliament for your Division, and the object of this letter is to ask you very seriously to consider whether the time has not arrived—having regard to the grave position of public affairs—when an independent, patriotic, and experienced man of affairs should be sent to assist the Prime Minister in the great task before him.
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> You may remember that a few years ago I took an active part in connection with a by-election at Shrewsbury, when, with little time for organisation, the Independent candidate polled a very large number of votes. Since the present vacancy occurred I have received many communications urging me once more to endeavour to secure the election of a member who will seek to introduce sound Business principles into affairs of State, and to forward generally the great public policy for which JOHN BULL stands.
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> Now it happens that to-day I am much more favourably situated in this respect than was the case with the Shrewsbury election. For the past few years I have had associated with me in the conduct of JOHN BULL an eminent London journalist of great political experience—Mr. Charles Palmer—and since I have been back in the House of Commons I have felt more keenly every day the need of such co-operation there as his presence would afford in "gingering-up" Ministers and giving effect to the great national programme upon which the last General Election was fought.
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> I have therefore decided to ask Mr. Palmer to submit himself to you. However, I have no desire—nor, I am sure, has he—that any candidate should be foisted upon you, and I am therefore taking the unusual course—whilst the ordinary Party agents are up in London negotiating for some possible "carpet-bagger" to be dumped upon you—of securing your approval of my proposal.
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> I need not in this letter elaborate the policy for which Mr. Palmer would stand. Put shortly, he is first and foremost out to see that the sacrifices of the war shall not have been made in vain, and that the reorganisation of the social and economic life of the country shall be based not upon wild and fantastic theories, but on the principle of really making Britain a place, not only fit for heroes to live in, but fit for them to have died for. Justice to the ex-soldiers and sailors; fair relations between Capital and Labour; an immediate reduction of the high cost of living; the cutting down of all unnecessary expenditure on public departments; decent homes and conditions of life for the workers, and equal opportunity for all are the main planks in his platform.
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> Mr. Palmer has always been a staunch advocate of political freedom for women and of giving them the fullest equality before

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Take a New Line—A Referendum of Electors.

By THE EDITOR.

the law, and if elected will, I know, give special attention to those social problems which are the peculiar care of the Mothers of Britain, and pending the solution of which so many of them are doomed to lives of drab, humdrum monotony.

He will, further, back me up in my demand that Germany shall, "to the uttermost farthing"—to use the Prime Minister's own words—be made to recoup us the cost of the war. At present she has paid towards the Indemnity no more than a few hours' extra fighting would have cost her. He is also determined that her contribution shall not be secured by allowing her once more to "dump" her surplus goods into this country—thus depriving our own workers of employment.

He is very strong on the other Election pledge of "Britain for the British," and, if returned, will help me to strengthen the Aliens' Bill, which has recently been so shamefully whittled down by the Pacifist Peers in the present archaic House of Lords. Further, he is determined to see that the Kaiser and his confederates are brought to justice, and that the present waste of time in the exchange of diplomatic notes and other nonsense shall come to an end, and the "débris" of the war finally cleared up.

Like myself, he is not impressed with the practical utility of the "League of Nations"—which America, whose President was its author, has already thrown over. He believes, with me, that what we want in the first instance is a League of the British Empire—all working together, self-contained and self-supporting, with an adequate Navy to guard our markets, but with only a minimum of expenditure upon such an army as is absolutely necessary for the protection of our interests.

He prefers to see strong, able-bodied men working under healthy conditions at home rather than becoming automatic portions of a great military machine. And in this connection he rendered me splendid assistance in relation to the Courts-Martial Committee which I succeeded in securing, and which has now put forward a new charter of liberty and justice for the serving soldier.

Mr. Palmer, however, as you will find, is fully capable of expounding his own views, and will, if his proposed candidature appeals to the Division, come amongst you, with me, at an early date for the purpose of explaining his programme.

Now, if the idea appeals to you, what I want you to do is to fill up the enclosed form [a promise to support in every possible way Mr. Charles Palmer in his candidature] and post it to me on receipt of this personal letter. Should the response be, as I have no doubt it will, of a sufficiently encouraging character, I will at once approach Mr. Palmer with a view to obtaining his formal consent to submit himself to the constituency. Meanwhile, I will conclude by wishing you, one and all, a happy and prosperous New Year, which, if wise counsels prevail, I am sure this by-election will be the means of helping you to secure.—Yours faithfully,

HORATIO BOTTOMLEY.

Let me say that the course here proposed represents my view of the conditions which should govern every Parliamentary candidature. Notwithstanding the high opinion I entertain of Mr. Palmer's qualifications as a candidate and of the desirability in the public interest of his early election to Parliament, I would be no party to his being pitchforked into the Division whether he was wanted or not—just as he himself would be the last to consent to any such usurpation of the electors' rights. As his own articles testify, Mr. Palmer is a man of keen democratic sympathies, guided by an unfailing sense of justice; whilst in the course of a successful professional career he has gained a wider knowledge of men and affairs than most journalists can claim—and is one, moreover, who "knows the ropes" of the House of Commons, and knows more of the niceties of Parliamentary procedure than many members learn after years on the "floor" of the popular chamber. All this I commend to the electors of the Wrekin Division—with whom, however, must rest the decision as to whether the Assistant Editor of JOHN BULL shall become a *candidate* for the seat—his *election*, of course, depends upon himself. Let me add this: If Mr. Palmer fights the Wrekin Division, he will fight to win: "'Tis not in mortals to command success," but he will enter the campaign, not simply for the sake of "propaganda," but with the determined intention of joining me at Westminster, where the duties that crowd upon me from all sides already tax my single-handed strength. I shall welcome his collaboration in the heavy responsibilities that fall upon me as one of the few independent members of Parliament. It would not be strictly true to describe Mr. Palmer as a "disciple" of mine; his views and opinions upon public affairs were matured before I met him. We were brought together at an important juncture in the history of this journal—I will not say by accident, but by the mutual attraction of like minds conscious of a common purpose and of a similar devotion to those canons of patriotism and liberty that are the essence of sound politics. If my tried and trusted colleague is nominated as an Independent candidate for the Wrekin Division he will have all the support I can give him by voice and pen, and if the result does not surprise the caucuses and coteries at Westminster—well, then it will surprise me.

What the Country Needs.

I can claim that to-day I adhere to the old principles which, in season and out of season, I have proclaimed from my editorial pulpit in the years—nearly fourteen—that have elapsed since the foundation of JOHN BULL. I claim it as a tribute to the soundness of these principles that the war has in no material respect compelled their modification; they have stood the stress and strain of conflict, and can be appealed to to-day with as much confidence as in the quiet years before the red deluge of blood. First and foremost, we stand for British brotherhood—for that essential unity of interest between all citizens of the common Flag which is stronger than any causes of division, and deeper than any differences of rank, calling, or degree. Thus regarded, democracy—never better defined than in Lincoln's resounding phrase, "Government of the people, by the people, for the people"—becomes not a destructive faith, but an earnest of hope for the future, when we shall "reap the harvest of the war's red seed-time in a plenitude of joy." All this I have preached in almost every variety of tone and key—insisting, too, that to deny Labour its rights is not merely to dishonour the claim of justice, but, in these days of murmurous revolution, to undermine the very safety of the State. No man with whom I am to be associated in public life may ignore the claims of the workers to a full and generous share of the good things of life, to an active partnership in industry, and to the widest amenities of social and domestic comfort. But the love I bear to Britain, and my regard for her citizens, implies a hatred of her foes. I can pretend no mealy-mouthed forgiveness for beasts in the guise of men, who have desecrated every law, human and divine, and who but for the incomparable valour of our sons and brothers would have trampled the name of Britain in the mire of an alien servitude. Reparation?—aye, to the last jot and tittle; Indemnities?—to the last farthing of their substance; Forgiveness?—never, while a single widow or orphan, while one disabled hero, lives a witness to their infamy and shame! But at home, within the communion of Britain, in God's name let us be friends. There may be family jars, disagreements, misunderstandings; let them be settled in quiet, fireside conference—by the civilised processes of negotiation and the ballot; not by methods of barbarism and the jungle. What a difference it would make if we had only a score of men in the House of Commons owning no allegiance save to Britain, muttering no economic shibboleths or political incantations, resolved only to pursue the right and challenge the wrong, regardless of personal consequence, caring less than nothing for the smiles or frowns of any Party, clique, or junta—calling none their master but their conscience and their King! As often as such a candidate seeks the suffrages of the electors he shall have my support. For, paradoxical as it may sound, I am satisfied that the best service I can render to the King's Government at this moment is to send to their aid, not pliant tools or sycophantic slaves, but fearless critics, men of mature, independent judgment, with zeal tempered by knowledge and principle shaped, not by the musty lore of the schools, but by hard-won experience in the University of Life. It is such a man I recommend to the electors of the Wrekin Division. If they desire his candidature, all they have to do is to say so. Never did Parliament stand in sorer need of such a member.

JOHN BULL AT PLAY.

RACING, FOOTBALL, BOXING AND OTHER SPORTING NOTES.

RACING.

Many Irish horses are making their way across the Channel to complete their "National" preparations on English soil. The latest is Dunadry, who has already joined Mr. Percy Whitaker's team at St. Giles (Salisbury). We are given to understand that more are to follow.

No matter the number or the quality of the Irish chasers that will come over to throw down the gauntlet to Poethlyn, they will find Mrs. Hugh Peel's wonder a severe stumbling-block in the "National"—that is, if Mr. Topham adheres to his original intention of making 12-7 the top weight.

Much of the form of the Victory Hurdle Race at Manchester is not to be taken too literally, a loose horse interfering with the chance of more than one fancied animal. Saxham Prince was one of the sufferers.

Which would you back in a match—White Heat or Furious? Both jump well, have speed, and stay. We favour Furious in a duel and White Heat in a field of horses. The executive that holds out sufficient inducement for these crack hurdlers to meet will reap a rich harvest.

Aris is not to be put over hurdles after all. More's the pity.

We did not see the best of Ardonagh in the Victory Steeplechase at Manchester. He over-jumped himself. He can, however, be depended on to do a lot better than this.

With the advent of the New Year we look forward to a general improvement in the Winter sport; and so far as the smaller races are concerned, we think the Dicker stable will be worth following. Up to the present, several of its most useful performers have not yet been seen out. At the time of writing, we are not sure whether Aynsley will have run at Plumpton—but we confidently name this horse, Corydon and The Bimkin (which was recently acquired by Mr. Bottomley) as three worth following during the present season, whilst we also hear good accounts of Baynards, Glenbay and Reconstruction.

WALKING.

The pursuit of athletics all the year round has been more pronounced than ever since the war. This applies especially to walking, which is enjoying a great revival. Immensely keen on this healthy exercise are Stock Exchange men, whose Athletic Club has been restarted, and another noteworthy resuscitation is that of the Centurians, whose membership is restricted to men who have walked over 100 miles in 24 hours.

WEEK'S RACING SELECTIONS.

GATWICK—WEDNESDAY.

Purley Chase—*MACMERRY.
Crawley Chase—SQUARE DANCE.
Four-Year-Old Hurdle—KABOODLES.

GATWICK—THURSDAY.

Novices' Steeplechase—EXPEDITIOUS.
Reigate Hurdle—CORYDON; if absent, CHICAGO.
Maiden Hurdle—*A.A.

HAYDOCK PARK—FRIDAY.

Gerard Chase—LANDTEEL.
Warrington Hurdle—KAFFIR KING.
Makerfield 'Chase—*PRINCE FRANCIS.

HAYDOCK PARK—SATURDAY.

Birchfield Hurdle—LONBOY.
White Lodge 'Chase—EXPEDITIOUS.
Earlstown Hurdle—*LORD EDNAM.

BILLIARDS.

All the recent talk in the billiard world has been the form of Tom Newman. Most of the betting for the championship, however, is still in favour of Willie Smith, of Darlington.

Result of Football Competition No. 15.

Ten winning teams had to be selected from the sixteen matches to be played on December 13th. Four of these matches were drawn, and one, Notts Forest v. Port Vale, was not played on the date given, thus leaving 11 winning teams in all to select from.

The following two competitors succeeded in naming ten of these and therefore divide the prize of £250:—

H. E. Monckton, (Staff), L.C.C. Mental Hospital, Bexley, Kent.
F. Onions, 157, Bromford Lane, Erdington, Birmingham.

This week we again offer £250 to the sender of ten winning teams or the next largest number of winning teams. Remember, this is the only competition of its kind. £250 *must be won* this week. Fill up your Free Coupon on page iii. without delay.

BOXING.

Joe Beckett is by no means disposed to subscribe to the opinions of those critics who regard him as a "fallen star." We are heartily in accord with him in his contention that he conceded rather too much in agreeing to his fight with Carpentier being postponed—which, he assures us, he did on purely sporting grounds.

Beckett is eager for a return contest with the French champion, and we hope he will get it. Meanwhile, he has to justify his claim to a second meeting with Carpentier on his forthcoming display in his contest with Dick Smith. Smith stayed much longer with Carpentier than did Beckett, and it will be an interesting side issue to draw deductions as to the truth of the suggestion that the Paris fight between Carpentier and Smith was very largely "camouflage" on the part of the Frenchman and his astute manager, M. Descamps.

Everyone is talking about the suggestion made by "Smiler" Hales in last Sunday's *National News* for the extension of the "counting out" period. It is certainly high time that the present ridiculous limit were abolished. Had even half a minute been the rule, Beckett would have been quite ready to continue his fight with Carpentier, and who shall say what the result might not then have been?

As to the featherweight belt contest between Mike Honeyman and Billy Marchant, of Salford, on the 28th inst., we find it difficult to support the opinion freely expressed that the former will practically have a walk-over. We hear from reliable sources that Marchant is training in a manner that is more than gratifying to his sponsors. If that is so, it should be one of the fights of the season.

FOOTBALL.

On Saturday first, as they say in Scotland, we are to have the initial round of the English Cup. Was there ever a more "sloppy" draw—that is, from a paper point of view? If we were to prognosticate results from current form, we would feel confident of picking out at least twenty winners from the thirty-two matches. That, however, is not the Cup-tie way, as it is essentially a "temperamental" competition, and not even an earthquake would surprise us.

All the portents point to a big slump in Southern League stock, and, truth to tell, Southern League football is a very scrappy affair just now. The fact that the First League clubs, in the main, have avoided a conflict is all for the betterment of the interest in the subsequent rounds.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

A SPURIOUS SYMPOSIUM.

"What, if any, is the most important New Year resolution you have made?"

Had we put the above question to the following celebrities, notorieties, and nonentities, we might have received the appended replies:—

THE PRIME MINISTER: To decide, look you, which political Party to throw in my lot with, when the Coalition becomes uncoalesced.

LORD FISHER: To drop the use of that damned word "damn," dammit!

WINSTON CHURCHILL: To reduce my expenditure on hats.

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN: To discover some means of reversing my decision with respect to Premium Bonds without making myself look an utter ass.

SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE: To revert to the writing of healthy fiction, instead of fuddling my brain with harmful "spirits."

PROFESSOR PORTA: To refrain in future from prophesying catastrophic cataclysms until *after the event.*

MDLLE. ALICE DELYSIA: To turn my back on the stage.

DR. ADDISON: To investigate carefully the alleged house shortage, and, if satisfied that it really exists, to devise some means of supplying the deficiency. But not by the use of wood. Oh, no.

LADY ASTOR, M.P.: To give effect to my statement that the men's "number is up" now that I have secured a seat in Parliament, by introducing a Bill for the Abolition of the Male Franchise.

JOE BECKETT: To start fighting in the first round in future when I box, instead of waiting to be knocked out before I begin to make a start.

MR. HORATIO BOTTOMLEY, M.P.: To write to JOHN BULL about it.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE: To declare, in and out of season, that Ll. G. M. G.

DR. BRIDGES (Poet Laureate): To write some *real* poetry.

THE EX-KAISER: To acquire the courage to go through a trying time.

LORD HALDANE: To reduce my speeches to a minimum—of two hours' duration, and to acquire all the old volumes containing my pre-war utterances and use them to eke out my coal ration.

GEORGE ROBEY: To give my eyebrows a rise, since they've served me so well. Shall us? Let's!

MR. ASQUITH: To remain immobile and make optical observations.

JUSTICE DARLING: To make only one joke per case, and that a new one whenever possible.

DR. JOWETT: To lose no opportunity to express brotherly feelings towards the enemies of civilization, *e.g.*, the Bolsheviks.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW: To abuse on every possible occasion the people who are fools enough to patronise my plays. Extracting money from persons one detests and despises is an exquisite and refined pleasure. I am willing to accept one guinea for this contribution.

SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES: To do my utmost to prevent the fluctuation of coal prices.

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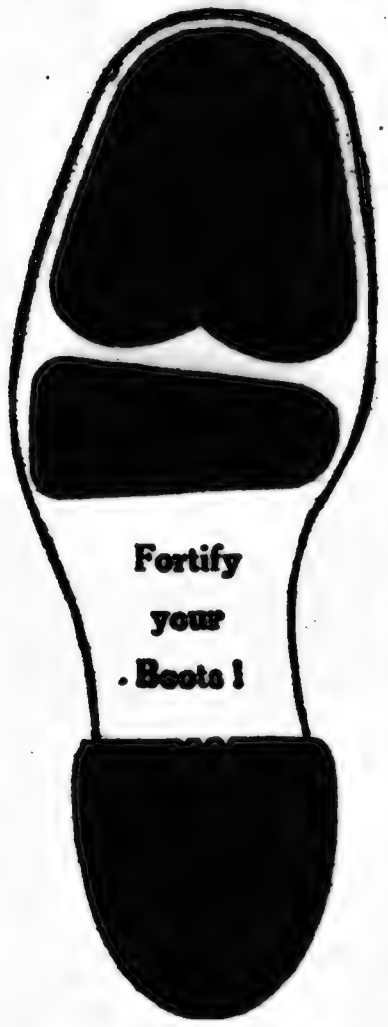

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"TOMMY AND JACK."

Dealing also with the Discharged Sailor and Soldier and their Dependents.

OUR PLEDGE.—"No case of hardship or injustice, no instance of beggarly treatment or mean cheese-paring, shall go unchallenged and unremedied."—*Horatio Bottomley*, 19th August, 1916.

"TOMMY."

The Boys at Boulogne:—There have been complaints in the papers concerning the conduct of our soldiers at Boulogne. The men themselves tell us that if they are fed and treated as British Tommies should be, the trouble will immediately disappear. Enough said!

"Rattle His Bones":—An ex-Tommy, discharged through wounds, obtained employment at the Ordnance Depot, Ballincollig. The poor fellow died, and his body was refused a military funeral as the Adjutant "did not know him." The bigger-hearted "common soldiers" saved the poor remains from a pauper's grave, even surrendering the brass handles off their kit chests to ornament the rough coffin, knocked together unofficially by a regimental carpenter. A whip-round was made by the lads to afford him decent burial, and to prevent Sinn Feiners and others from advertising the cruel apathy of England so far as her dead heroes are concerned.

In Reply to Yours:—We have many letters concerning men from Mesopotamia held up in India, and Territorials retained in that country since 1914, and are glad to say that all the former have been sent home, and that the last of the latter will be here in a week or two.

"Lost Memory":—It is known that more than one of our soldiers deserted during the campaign, reached Germany, and took up jobs, and even married German girls. Possibly some of those boys are now ashamed of themselves, and are crawling home with the yarn that they were hidden-away prisoners of war. We are glad to know that in each case the strictest investigation is made by the War Office.

"JACK."

Good-bye, Scapa:—The numerous Jacks and Joes who are eating their hearts out in that sub-Arctic region, Scapa Flow, will be glad to hear that on the 15th of next month the Admiral will haul down his flag, and the place will be reduced to a peace basis. Then most of our friends will at last come back to home ports.

A New Year "Gift":—From several quarters we have been sent the new official scale of prices for clothing and "slops" to be charged in the Navy against our bluejackets. Taking it, as they say, "by and large," the prices have been raised 100 per cent. and over. The sailor hoped to benefit by the increased clothing allowance; but the new price list shows him that what was given with one hand at Whitehall has been taken away by the other.

Thank You, Jack!:—This is an Admiralty War Order just issued—and it is deserved: "The operation of clearing moored mines from the areas in Home Waters, the Mediterranean, and Aegean Seas, allocated to Great Britain by the Allied Council, has now been completed, and certain areas in the Black Sea have also been cleared for the benefit of our merchant shipping. The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty desire to place on record their appreciation of the devoted services of all ranks and ratings of the Mine Clearance Force, who carried out this arduous work with splendid efficiency. They consider that the gratitude of all who use the seas is due to the personnel of this Force, who voluntarily entered for this dangerous service at a time when there was a natural reaction after the toil of a long war, and a desire to return to the enjoyment of peaceful conditions."

"THE SILVER BADGERS."

Secretaries of Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' organisations, in sending cases of injustice or other information, should mark their envelopes "Silver Badgers."

The Threat Worked:—The discharged and demobilised men threatened to make the biggest demonstration ever seen in London, in order to direct attention to their condition. As trouble seemed to be brewing, they were officially begged to cry off, with the promise that the Government would have a parley with them. As a Treasury official told the Strand House Censors' Staff when they were demobilised. "You can have no out-of-work dole, but if you belonged to a Trade Union it would be different." There is nothing like having a bit of "power and pull" in these days.

In Canada, Too:—Many of our badgers complain that on their return here they cannot obtain reinstatement in their old jobs, notwithstanding their employers' promises. We find that the same thing obtains in Canada. Here is the case of a Toronto merchant who sent his book-keeper to the war with his blessing, a New Testament, with injunction to read a bit of it each day, and a promise that he would keep his position open until his return. When the man got back covered with glory he was told to clear out, as no old soldiers were wanted—a girl having filled his billet.

Chucking Money Around:—The Ministry of Pensions recently advertised for two men who served with H.M. Forces—one as a shorthand typist at 35s. a week, rising to £2 at the end of six months; the other as a general clerk, at a salary of thirty bob! Copies of three recent testimonials were required; but nothing was said regarding the handling of petty cash, postage stamps, or other valuables, which might help the unfortunate successful candidate to augment his starvation wages. The general clerk's stipend would equal less than 15s. pre-war purchasing power.

"THE GREATEST OF THESE—"

[The object of our Fund is to relieve (a) the dependents of our Soldiers and Sailors; and (b) suffering amongst the people generally. No genuine appeal is ever refused, and although we see to it that adequate proof is presented in every case relieved, no harassing or degrading questions are put to applicants. Will you please help? We gladly defray all expenses of administration.]

Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

A Fatal Quarrel:—A widow, whose husband was killed by his son-in-law during a quarrel, is left with two orphan children. Her elder daughter—now her only means of support—is unemployed. We have enabled them to tide over till she gets work.

Still Waiting:—A man was injured at Woolwich, and is still waiting for compensation. His wife is ill, and the cupboard was bare.

Discharged to Starve:—An ex-soldier cannot obtain work. With a weekly pension of 8s., he endeavours to support his wife and two children, one of whom is mentally defective.

Youth in Distress:—A mere boy was discharged, ill, from the Army, with only the National Health allowance to live on. He is not fit for work, and has a young wife and baby.

The Newcomers:—Still they come—those little strangers, many of them to homes already in distress. It is sad to read, day after day, letters from discharged disabled soldiers who made what some people call improvident marriages and who are now faced with maternity expenses and cannot meet them. We help in every way possible. And once more we say that there is a great demand for baby clothing, no matter how old it may be.

Last Post:—The death rate, too, is high. It frequently happens that, owing to the present excessive cost of living, our hard-pressed poor are forced to give up their subscriptions to provident clubs and insurance societies. Hence the many demands upon us to save the dead from pauper burial.

PATRIOTISM AND PENURY.

(A case typical of the many of distress and hardship which have been relieved by our Fund during the week.)

Among the latest appeals to reach us is one from an ex-soldier at Hoxton, whose misfortunes have reduced him to the verge of despair. Since his discharge from the Army in November last, this poor fellow, who has a sick wife and five young children—two of them seriously ill in hospital—has failed to secure regular employment, a fate which in a measure may be described as the penalty of patriotism. For he was not compelled to join the Army; as a railwayman he might have obtained continuous exemption, but in the critical months of 1918 he enlisted without the consent of his employers, to find upon his return that his job was gone. The condition of the little home—two rooms in the poorest part of Hoxton—is one of appalling poverty, the unemployment donation and such driblets as have been received from the Army having been swallowed up in the payment of unavoidable debts and the extra expenses resulting from the illnesses of the wife and children. A local doctor certifies that to his knowledge the father is "up to his eyes in trouble," the condition of the children in hospital being critical, while the mother's illness is traceable to "worry with the sick children." In such circumstances it is not surprising that the youngsters should be ill-clad and obviously ill-nourished, the whole family bearing visible traces of their cruel ordeal of suffering. As if to exonerate himself in advance from any suggestion of thriftlessness, the man avows, and calls the neighbours to witness, his steadiness and sobriety, which none acquainted with his position is disposed to question. We are hoping that, with a grant from our "Greatest of These" Fund to relieve the worst necessities of the stricken family, the poor fellow may find fresh courage to "grapple with his evil star."

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FINANCIAL NOTES—AND ADVICE TO INVESTORS.

BY OUR CITY EDITOR.

English Oilfields.

Much interest has been created by the announcement at the recent meeting that there were indications of a large oilfield at depth, and that a licence for boring had been obtained from the Government. It must be remembered that hitherto the undertaking had been regarded as a shale proposition only, but if expectations are fulfilled they must have an enormous effect upon its future prosperity. It is satisfactory to learn that its staple industry, that of shale, is undoubtedly of great value; and, despite a slight reaction in price, I regard the shares as attractive.

A Timely Warning.

The affairs of Samuel Allsopp and Sons—the Burton brewers—have experienced many vicissitudes in recent years, but are now apparently on the high road to prosperity, under the chairmanship of Sir W. B. Peat, one of the ablest business men of our times. His warning at the recent meeting of shareholders against the danger of American-imported Prohibition and the need for effective counter propaganda will, I hope, not have fallen on deaf ears.

An Important Textile Issue.

An issue of 300,000 8 per cent. Preference and half-a-million Ordinary shares is being made by John Wood and Brothers (1920), Ltd., the well-known cotton spinners and manufacturers of Glossop, Derbyshire. The business, which is one of the largest of its kind in the world, was established about 100 years ago, and the profits in 1919 were nearly £100,000. There is such a world-wide demand for textiles, which must continue for years to come, that the Preference shares seem to me to constitute a sound industrial security.

Farming on Business Lines.

I do not claim to be an agricultural expert, but I do pretend to know something about business. Sir A. Daniel Hall, the Permanent Secretary to the Board of Agriculture, in his book "Agriculture after the War," showed himself to be a strenuous advocate of farming on a large scale, in accordance with industrial methods. Mr. C. S. Orwin, Director of the Institute of Research in Agricultural Economics at Oxford, has, as the result of prolonged investigation, also become an equally convinced and earnest advocate of a similar policy. For many years it has been a commonplace to assert that the British farmer was the most conservative in the world. That gibe will, I believe, soon apply only to the past, for it is being demonstrated in Norfolk, beyond any doubt, that farming on a large scale can be, and is, profitable. The Tennant Company, Ltd., which has acquired large tracts of farming land in Norfolk, has tackled the problem so as to prove undoubtedly that farming on business lines has a very attractive financial aspect, and it hopes, with more capital, to extend greatly its sphere of operations. The future therefore seems full of potentialities.

A Progressive Bank.

The recapitalisation scheme recently approved by the shareholders of the Commercial Bank of London paves the way for the issue about to be made of over two million £1 Ordinary shares at par, a large proportion of which, I am not surprised to hear, has already been "taken firm." Nothing more remarkable has been seen in the City of recent years than the steady growth of the influence of this Bank and its allied interests, which have already made their power felt. I have little doubt that the issue will be over-subscribed.

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THURSDAY, 8th JAN.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

ENGLISH OILFIELDS, LIMITED.

ADDITIONAL DISCOVERIES ON THE PROPERTIES.

Presiding at the meeting of the English Oilfields (Ltd.), Sir James Heath said shareholders would fully appreciate the work that had been done and was now in progress, and would be amply satisfied with the position of affairs.

Dr. W. Forbes Leslie, F.R.G.S., after reviewing the position on the Company's properties three months ago, when at the extraordinary general meeting its capital was increased to £1,500,000, proceeded to detail the progress since made and the important discoveries which had taken place. It was obvious, he said, that before much progress could be made with their various constructional sections an up-to-date means of transport to the properties had to be secured, and he was pleased to state that the Great Eastern Railway Company had made the necessary railway connection between the properties and the main line to London.

A works site had been selected adjoining the experimental works at Setch and covering 25 acres, where gravels of considerable thickness allowed solid foundations to be laid. A contract for a by-product plant to deal with 20,000,000 cubic feet of gas per twenty-four hours had been given out, and the works to be placed upon the freehold site on which this plant was to be erected would, he believed, be the largest retorting, condensing, and refining plant in England. Another item of interest and a source of future profit was the establishment of large brickworks at West Winch.

With regard to the mines and their development, the unexpected had been in evidence in the course of developments of the mines, for in the 11ft. seam, upon which driving was proceeding, a heart of torbanitic material had been found, and this upon analysis yielded from 85 to 95 gallons of oil per ton.

A new and important feature was the decision to institute deep drilling operations.

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An extraordinary general meeting of the Commercial Bank of London (Limited) was held on December 31 at 6, Austin Friars, E.C., to pass resolutions for the reconstruction of the company and the reorganisation of its capital. The Right Hon. Sir Charles Hobhouse, Bart., P.C. (the chairman), presided.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Ernest Treweek, F.C.I.S.) read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, as you are aware, this meeting is held in accordance with the requirements of the law to confirm the resolutions which were passed at our general meeting held on the 17th inst. As I then went very fully into all the points arising out of the resolutions, and as they were carried with practical unanimity, you will not wish me to go into details again to-day. You will, however, be interested to hear that in anticipation of the resolution being carried all arrangements have been completed for our new issue of shares, which will be offered for subscription on the 8th prox.

The whole issue has been underwritten, and if the applications for underwriting which we have received are any criterion, I can only say that the issue should be a marked success.

I am also glad to be able to tell shareholders that since our last meeting negotiations which were then in progress have been completed, the result of which should be a very substantial addition to our profits during the forthcoming year. Other good business has also been offered to us, and altogether your board are able to regard the future of the bank with very great confidence.

I have been asked what the position will be after this meeting with reference to dealings in our shares. The answer is that dealings in the shares of the old company will cease at the close of business to-day, when the company goes into liquidation.

The dealings in the new shares will commence immediately after allotment, and this will be within a few days of the closing of the list of applications for the new shares, which will be offered publicly on January 8.

I now beg to move the resolutions of which you have received notice, and I will ask Mr. Clarence Hatry to second the resolutions.

Mr. Clarence Hatry (managing director) seconded the resolutions, which were carried unanimously.

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Why is it that one can pay a big price for a razor, and after a few shaves find its blade so blunt? Of course it cannot be expected to retain its fine edge without stropping, but even that does not keep many razors sharp.

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"John Bull's" Letter Bag.

[The EDITOR replies to, and chats with, some of his numerous correspondents.]

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A. H. (South Russia).—Your letter to hand expressing hope that we shall "continue to give publicity to all the hypocritical maniacs." You have hit off our aim to a fine shade.

"READER" (Hammersmith).—If we published your gloomy prognostications our more sensitive readers might be tempted to cut their throats.

"INDIAN SAILOR" (London).—No judgment of General Dyer's action in shooting down Indian natives can be properly formed without full knowledge of the facts. Whether he did the imperative thing in his place must be decided by those who are holding the Inquiry.

"BUSINESS MAN" (Bath).—We agree that British ships should be "worked for all they are worth," but trust you do not imagine they all belong to the proprietors of this journal.

L. L. (Boulogne).—Crimes of violence are not peculiar to Boulogne, or to any other French town; they are terribly frequent in London. We must regard them as part of the aftermath of war.

D. O. (Bamfield, British Columbia).—Apparently the *Tribune* is of opinion that the President of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange is financing Gipsy Smith's mission, and that the Kingdom of Heaven is thereby being woefully mixed up with a wheat profiteering stunt.

"DESCENDANT ANGLO-INDIANS" (Banbury).—"Does Mr. Montagu realise that he, with his friends and advisers, Besant *et al.*, is personally responsible for the murders of Europeans at Amritzar, etc., as well as the slaughter of several hundred natives?" If Mr. M. hears what you say, there *will* be a row.

"HERTFORDSHIRE WIDOW" (St. Albans).—We still contend that more active steps should be taken by the War Office to trace men who may have lost their memories through shell-shock or similar causes.

MRS. F. A. N. (Lincoln).—The police have no legal power to interfere with the "adoption of children" advertisements to which we recently took exception. That's just the trouble.

H. W. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).—Afraid cannot recommend a "good London detective," the members of our inquiry staff being exclusively retained.

"A HUMANITARIAN."—Do not place too much reliance upon the effusions of the sporting scribes. "Minstrel Park" is now as fresh as a daisy, but in the race in question he had apparently not forgotten the fall he had when being ridden by an amateur a few days earlier.

POOR WOMAN."—Let us hope we shall soon see an end of the stupid regulation which requires purchasers of spirits to take a whole bottle, whether they want it or not. Your 6d. P.O. has been transferred to our "Greatest of These" Fund.

"MANAGER" (Rugeley Camp).—We do not know where the Sarboro Liberal Club is; but, when it offers Steward and Stewardess 38s. a week, it does not act up to its name.

"EX-SOLDIER" (Bagshot).—We do not like to hear of a "lady" who refused you water to make tea—because you were working for the Council. A tramp should not be denied water, much less a good working-man.

MISS E. S. B. (Chard).—Interested about "Sarah, who'd do anything if you'd dare her," but you couldn't "scare her." You should have read her your poem.

C. H. (Blackpool).—We have our doubts about that "business Peer" who wants a secretary, according to an employment agency's advertisement. Business peers do not usually cry their needs in the streets of London.

"BONNIE SCOTLAND."—"Only one female was ever made a Freemason. Would you like to hear the story?" Try us. We can always put our fingers in our ears.

"EYE-OPENER" (Royal Navy) asserts that there is flagrant waste of food at the Royal Naval Barracks. If so, the authorities must put an immediate stop to it. If we have again to speak to them about it——

W. B. (Upton Park).—"The day is not far distant when Labour will take the reins of Government, and I confidently predict a better state of things." Nothing like confidence.

MRS. T. (London, N.W.).—Agreed that the publican who would not change the bad stout "does not deserve good customers." What's your average in damp weather?

"FAIRNESS" (Westcliff-on-Sea).—There is a good deal in your contention that entry to the "learned professions" should be open to all who can pass the necessary examinations.

A. M. (Windsor).—Can quite believe it has made you "as mad as a hatter" to find German postcards exposed for sale "slap in front of Windsor Castle."

E. V. (Plymouth).—Thanks for poem copied from an American paper. You might have heard a cork pop while we read it aloud to the staff.

PRIVATE P. K. (Tidworth).—We note your conclusions as to "why boy babies predominate in war-time." Please communicate secret to *Everywoman's*.

H. W. (Devon).—Perhaps the National War Savings Committee have exhausted their supply of "engraved shells" for presentation as souvenirs. How about a silver wheelbarrow, or a couple of elephant tusks?

"READER" (Glasgow).—Sorry to hear of the poor widow who had her "gas cut off," but we fail to see that the Royal Family were in any way responsible for her misfortunes.

P. M. (Beare Green).—To lose a berth through postal delay is maddening. We can say no more because we may not print particulars.

J. T. W. (Cheltenham).—Yes, that's rather a funny advert., from your local paper:—"Home offered to Superior Person in return for housework. No salary." Should like to see the Superior Person emptying the slops in superior style down the ordinary sink.

"NOT A COMPETITOR" (Devonport) "likes us," and suggest that we give a £1,000 prize to the Devonport lady who has sent most "Bullets," when "up will go our sales"! We hope lots of other cities and towns "like us," and it would be horridly unfair to them to allot prizes where not earned by merit.

"SINBAD" (Yorks).—In order to obtain your award for salving the s.s. *Glasgow*, you must make your whereabouts known to the Accountant-General of the Admiralty, Whitehall, S.W.1, giving him full particulars.

MRS. F. G. (Wolverhampton).—"The lady cast a dirty slur on the working women of our district." No lady would do such a thing.

"SMALL HEATH" (B'ham).—The Birmingham "Hands-off Russia Committee" are apparently Bolsheviks of the deepest dye.

"DISGUSTED" (Harefield).—On your own showing you have been scurvily treated, but there are two sides to most questions, you know, and sometimes three.

J. D. (Newport).—The case of the police-pensioners is engaging our attention, and if the opportunity arises we shall be glad to assist.

T. H. J. (Camden Town).—Since your letter, the "Pearl" Agents have struck a stout blow in their own defence.

L. B. S. (Canonbury Park).—Afraid you cannot stop moneylenders sending you circulars, but you need not read them if they inflame your *cerebellum*.

"KITE."—Any respectable jeweller would value your prized possessions—after which you might dispose of them by advertisement in a local newspaper.

HEARTS OF OAK.—We are asked to state that the Hearts of Oak Assurance Company, which, for Health Insurance purposes, forms part of the National Amalgamated Approved Society, has no connection with the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society, so that to it none of our recent criticisms should be taken to apply.

"ANXIOUS" (Tooting).—Please don't send us rude riddles. That one nearly choked the office boy.

"BARTON" (S.W.).—"We have beaten the Germans in the war but with the assistance of our Bureaucrats they will beat us in business." We are not backing the Huns this generation.

"SNOBBED" (Leeds).—Glad you like our headlines. If ever we disappoint you, be sure to tell us.

C. G. B. (Gateshead).—Your reasoned objections to the partition of Ireland shall be conveyed to the Cabinet without delay.

"PENSIONS" (Wales).—We do not anticipate that large increases of salary will be granted to the clerical staffs of the Pensions Committee. But if we are wrong, we shall be delighted.

"ENQUIRER."—Being obliged to refuse one offer of work, the Labour Exchange has marked you as "Unemployable." Can't you find another Exchange where they are not so catty?

S. H. (Maidenhead).—"Please don't make your paper any bigger, as I am a busy man . . . . and I always read every word." Lots of other readers say they can't have too much of us!

"A WAR WIDOW" (Kennington).—Are we "still interested in the marriage of a widow with her deceased husband's brother"? As much as ever, and hope to beat the cranks yet.

H. O. L. (Prestatyn).—"It is hardly likely people are going to waste valuable time giving evidence before Profiteering Committees when such decisions are ½ given." Which is what we have said scores of times.

A. K. M. (Glasgow).—We have frequently warned readers against the wiles and stratagems of the Standard Tea Co. "Every customer receives a dividend—but not in any specified time." You may get yours in Eternity.

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C. K. (Kensington).—"If life were a thing which money could buy, The rich would live and the poor would die." Also said rich would book all the front seats in Heaven.

W. S. (North Shields).—Afraid we cannot undertake to debate with you publicly on the Labour situation. There must be plenty of people in South Shields who would be delighted to chew you up.

W. H. (Liverpool).—After filling up a form "bad enough for a convict," you failed to get your passport. Bet you swore.

"LEX" (Guildford).—Afraid your "brief particulars" hardly sufficient for a "Candid Communication" to the local clergyman. A better plan might be to drop him a snappy postcard.

A. T. C. (Glasgow).—Your instructions *re* "smashing the Education Bill" too faint for entire perusal. If we forward cash, will you buy yourself a nice new lead pencil?

MRS. R. A. (Norwood Road, S.E.).—We see your point; but, as rates are at present levied, the harassed householder has no redress, the growth of municipal expenditure being reflected in constantly increasing demands.

T. J. (Homerton).—The 48-Hour Bill will have our careful study.

(Many replies are unavoidably held over.)

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COMPANY MEETING.

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The thirty-first ordinary annual general meeting of Samuel Allsopp and Sons (Ltd.) was held on December 29th at the Cannon Street Hotel, Cannon Street, Sir William B. Peat (chairman of the Company) presiding.

The chairman, having referred to the accounts, which, he said, showed a record of fair financial strength and an improvement in profits as compared with the previous year, observed that it had been his duty year after year to bring to the notice of shareholders a record of unrest so far as brewery enterprise was concerned. They were now up against new problems. A gentleman called Johnson, commonly referred to as "Pussyfoot," had invaded them from the United States. "Pussyfoot" Johnson was not a danger to be ignored. If the shareholders of Allsopp and the brewing trade in general sat still and did nothing while Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson was advancing his propaganda at enormous expense, they were only allowing themselves to be attacked unarmed and undefended. He ventured to think that if the case in favour of good English ale as a suitable drink for the people of the country was fairly put forward Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson's efforts would end in failure. If, by any chance, Mr. Johnson were to succeed, history would repeat itself, and the British working man would refuse to work unless he had a modest supply of an almost non-intoxicating drink, such as their beer was at the present time. A great deal of it had to be consumed before, as a result, a man could stagger along the streets. (Renewed laughter.) Supposing, however, that by any chance Mr. Johnson were to succeed, and the country was taken unawares, like the people of the United States, it would ruin the brewing trade, it would ruin the shareholders, it would result in illicit manufacture, in the increased consumption of drugs, and in the creation of poisonous substitutes for good ale. What the trade wanted to do was to assist the temperance party, and to get public-houses so built that a man might take his wife and family into them without disgrace.

He understood, however, that our licensing laws had not enabled brewers to do that up to the present, because it was not possible, to get authority to build or to extend. Dealing with the question of nationalisation, the chairman referred to a recent speech made by Mr. Thomas, M.P., at a conference which opened a labour campaign for the public ownership and control of the liquor trade. Mr. Thomas had referred to the profits which had been made in Allsopps. "Supposing," he said, "in 1915 you had invested £2,000 in Allsopps, in addition to the dividend received that £2,000 would be worth £86,000 to-day." He (the speaker) asserted that that hypothetical transaction could never have been consummated, because no one could have bought £50,000 of their stock at 4 per cent. at its face value in 1915, or at any other period since 1915. If and when nationalisation was brought before the electors of this country it should be on fair values, and fair values, they would submit, were cost values. What had cost the Company £3,300,000 had been written down in its books, and the balance-sheet now presented, which was on the same basis as that prepared in the year before the war, to a figure which was 6d in the £ of what the original investor gave in meal or in malt for the stock which he received. If the original investor still held his investment to-day he had a face value in the share certificates of 6d. in the £ on the original sum which he paid.

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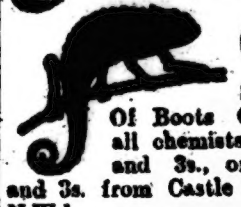

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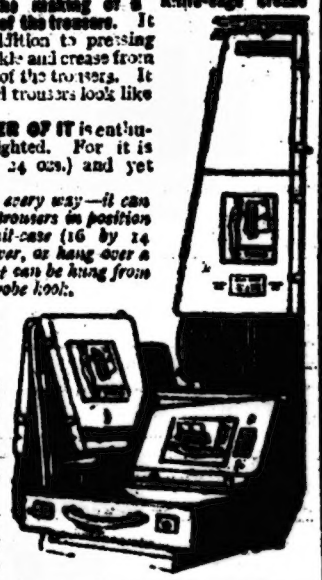

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I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
If 2 coupons are used P.O. for 1/- must be sent.
Signed _____
Address _____

ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED "BULLETS" No 360. "JOHN BULL," LONG ACRE, LONDON, W.C.2

No. ____ Closing Date, Thursday, January 15th.
Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(360) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
If 5 coupons are used P.O. for 1/6 must be sent.
Signed _____
Address _____

No. ____ Closing Date, Thursday, January 15th.
Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(360) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
If 4 coupons are used P.O. for 2s. must be sent.
Signed _____
Address _____

Selection of Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 361.

BOTTOMLEY'S PROPHECY—ALWAYS BUSY—WISH I COULD—ON THE CARPET—KNOWING CARD—OUT OF PLACE—GOING TO POT—FATHER LIKES—LOOKING AFTER TOMMY—DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT—MINDING THE BABY—UNPLEASANT—LUCKY DOG—IN THE RING—WHEN PUT OUT—WITHOUT A RIVAL—JUSTICE—NOT SO DUSTY—IN THE DARK—INVITING TROUBLE.

These examples can be made use of on the coupons above, and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, Jan. 22nd.** All coupons so used **MUST** be clearly marked with the number **361** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 361, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such coupons must not contain any of the Thirty-two examples for Competition 360.

List of 10s. Prizewinners in "Bullets" Competition 357 will be published in next week's "Competitors' Journal." Complete List of all Cash and Other Prizewinners can be seen at the Offices of "John Bull."

Result of 357th 'Bullets' Competition

FIRST PRIZE OF £250:
Mr. WILLIAM A. BROWN,
33, Friars St., Stirling.
Example:—BOTTOMLEY'S MOTTO.
Bullet:—PROHIBITION—FOR ALIENS ONLY.
(Sent in on a Free "Target" Prize Coupon.)

SECOND PRIZE OF £20:
Miss E. J. KEAN,
East St., Gamlington, Bridgwater.
Example:—WE MUST HAVE.
Bullet:—WILHELM—OR GERMANY WILL.

THIRD PRIZE OF £10:
Mr. T. J. ARKLEY,
18, Waverley Pk., Abbeyhill, Edinburgh.
Example:—GERMANY'S GAME.
Bullet:—GETTING "UP TO SCRATCH."

10 PRIZES OF £5 EACH:
MR. A. G. BURR, 8, Therapia Rd., Honor Oak: PUTTING THINGS STRAIGHT—IN BALLOT BOX, PLEASE!
MRS. WHITEMAN, 4, West St., Sutton, Surrey: WORKING HOURS—SPLENDID IF "ALL OCCUPIED."
MR. H. WALTON, 189, Grammar St., Sheffield: WE MUST HAVE—HANDS IN GERMANY'S POCKETS.
CPL. J. WELCH, 24, Rainville Rd., Fulham Palace Road, W.:
WE MUST HAVE—EVERYTHING—"WE SWORE TO."
MR. G. MYERS, 6, St. Matthew's Rd., Smethwick: THINKING—PROFITEER NOW BEFORE "DOING."
MR. R. ROGERS, "The Cot," Northumberland Ave., Reading:
ON AND OFF—THE MINERS "SEE DAYLIGHT."
MR. W. EAY, 13, Robey St., Lincoln:
GERMANY'S GAME—DEFENCE OR ANTAGONIST'S SIDE.
MR. J. MASH, New St., Bakewell:
MERRY CHRISTMAS—BETTER THAN "FOREGOING" ONE.
MR. A. NEAL, 41, Belvedere Rd., Bexley Heath: LABOUR'S SHARE—OF VOTES—FRIGHTENS COALITION.
MR. F. PETTON, Winslow, Bucks:
GETTING ON—WITH NOBLING, GERMANY APPARENTLY.

10 PRIZES OF £2 10s. EACH:
MR. C. H. TANN, Hanby Lane, Alford, Lincs.: GERMANY'S GAME—STILL HATCHING "BAD EGGS."
MRS. H. DAVIS, 23, Potters Hill, Aston, B'ham: AFTER THE STORM—TAKE YOUR COAT OFF.
MRS. E. CARR, "Lyndhurst," Eastney Rd., Portsmouth:
GERMANY'S GAME—SHE DOESN'T "REVEAL HERSELF."
MR. H. KERWIN, 30, West View, Westgate, Wakefield:
LABOUR'S SHARE—MORE THAN "THEY'LL OWN."
MR. J. WALSH, 330, Stanley Rd., Liverpool: TIGHT LITTLE ISLAND—ONLY WAVES EVER "LICK."
MR. W. CARR, 46, Ashley Lane, Moston, M/c: A SIMPLETON—THOUGHT ALL "SHARES" SWAM.
MR. J. STENT, Park View, Yoxford, Suffolk: BRITISH CHAMPION—ALIVE AND KICKING—HIMSELF.
MR. F. H. RAPKIN, 58, Windermere Rd., Ealing: GERMANY'S GAME—STRIKING AGAINST "MASTERS'" TERMS.
MR. D. KITTON, Strath Cottage, S. Walsham: ON AND OFF—NATION'S COAT TO BOLSHEVISM.
MR. J. J. GREENWOOD, 214, Todmorden Rd., Bacup:
A SIMPLETON—AMONG NATIONS, GETS PROHIBITION.

BULLETS RULES. 1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality. The right to divide a prize or prizes among two or more competitors is reserved.

2. Bullets must be plainly written on exact the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.

3. All four coupons may be used, but each coupon must be accompanied by a postal order for 6d. made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed ____ and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Competitors sending more than one coupon may enclose one postal order for the full amount covering the number of their coupons. Coupons must not be defaced in any manner.

4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned to their respective senders.

5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified Judges.

6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

THE JOHN BULL GREAT FREE FIRE INSURANCE

COVERING ALL RISKS BY FIRE TO HOME, LIFE & LIMB

UNDER this most unique FREE INSURANCE OFFER anyone above the age of 16 can be insured irrespective of sex. The premium charged by any Fire and Accident Insurance Company in order to obtain similar benefits would certainly exceed £1. per annum. Write to us for particulars.

We have made our insurance as simple as comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any "Legal representatives" or "next of kin." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated thereon, and to no one else.

A separate coupon must be filled up in respect to each person to be insured.

This offer applies only to persons residing in, and properly situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.

The full conditions governing this scheme will be published in the first issue of each month.

WHAT WE WILL PAY:

For Damage to contents of Home by Fire up to	£200
In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home	£200
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye	£200
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye ..	£100
Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the insured person from following his, or her, employment, up to ..	£10
In the event of a Temporary Total Disablement up to 12 weeks..	£1 per week

ORDER FORM
To the Manager of Newsagent

To .....
Newsagent.

Please deliver "JOHN BULL" to me regularly until further notice

Signed .....

Address .....

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Jan. 10, 1920.

You might also fill in the Registration Form, which will be found next to this, and post it to JOHN BULL INSURANCE DEPT., Long Acre, London, W.C.2, where your name and the name of your nominee will be duly registered.

REGISTRATION FORM
Which must be posted to—
JOHN BULL INSURANCE DEPT., Long Acre, W.C.2.

This is to notify that I have this day placed an order for the regular weekly supply of John Bull with

.....Newsagent, of

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and desire you to register me as a regular subscriber under the terms of your Insurance Scheme.

In the event of my being injured or killed, or of my home or the contents being damaged, I hereby nominate to receive any payment due under this insurance, should myself, or in the event of my death:—

Name of Nominee .....

Address .....

Signature of Insured .....
(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)
Home Address .....

Jan. 10, 1920. .....

To remain qualified for the benefits, readers must continue to have "John Bull" regularly supplied to them.

Readers of Scots & Irish editions of "John Bull" requiring Registration Forms is required.

£4,300 ALREADY WON

THIS SEASON IN OUR NEW WEEKLY FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

£250 MUST BE WON!

FOR TEN WINNING TEAMS

OR NEXT LARGEST NUMBER OF WINNING TEAMS.

Our new weekly Football Competition is the simplest and best, and ONLY appears in this paper. The sum of £250 will be paid to the sender of ten winning teams selected from those given on the coupon on this page. Should no competitor succeed in giving ten winning teams, the prize of £250 will be awarded to the sender of the next largest number of winning teams. This competition is open for one week and coupons can only be taken from this week's issue.

£250 must be won this week; send in YOUR coupon without delay.

NO ENTRANCE FEE—GREAT ONE-WEEK COMPETITION.

THIS COMPETITION IS EXCLUSIVE TO "JOHN BULL"

Coupons do not appear in any other paper.

The competition is quite free, no entrance fee of any kind being charged. Competitors can send as many coupons as they like. Scottish and Irish readers may compete. A careful study of football form should be made before filling in coupons. The "National News" gives the best and most accurate reports and forecasts every Sunday, which should prove of great assistance to intending competitors.

Cut out coupon neatly and address all entries as follows:—"Football Competition No. 18, JOHN BULL, 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London W.C.2." Write "Football" in top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other competitions.

YOU CAN SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS YOU LIKE.

For result of Football Competition No. 18 see page 12.

Read these Rules Carefully.

(1) All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issue of JOHN BULL announcing this competition. Coupons must be written in ink (typewriting or pencil will not be allowed), and must be filled up in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

(2) The sum of £250 (Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds) will be paid to the sender of a coupon giving any ten winning teams from amongst those playing on January 17th, given on the coupon on this page and as set out on that coupon. If no competitor succeeds in giving ten winning teams the prize of £250 will be paid to the sender of the next largest number of winning teams as described above. If two or more competitors succeed in giving ten winning teams, or failing that, succeed in sending the next largest number of winning teams, the £250 will be divided equally amongst them.

(3) Should any match not be played to a finish on the date given or as set out on the coupon, it will be disregarded, and winning teams from the remaining fixtures only will be allowed to count.

(4) Any coupon which has marked upon it more than ten Xs or less than ten Xs will be disqualified.

(5) No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into nor will interviews be granted.

(6) Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified.

(7) Our employees are debarred from entering the competition.

(8) Any coupons received later than first post on January 15th will be disqualified.

(9) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

HOW TO MARK YOUR COUPONS.

If you think the "Home" team will win put a X in the left-hand column headed "Home Win"; If you think the "Away" team will win put a X in the right-hand column headed "Away Win." Only ten teams must be marked in all. If more or less than ten X's appear on any one coupon it will be disqualified. Coupons MUST be written in ink.

"JOHN BULL" FREE FOOTBALL COUPON.

Matches to be played Saturday, January 17th. Coupons must reach us not later than Thursday, January 15th.

Home Win	Home Team		Away Team	Away Win
	Burnley	v.	Aston Villa	
	Chelsea	v.	Manchester United	
	Manchester City	v.	The Arsenal	
	Notts County	v.	Bolton Wanderers	
	Preston North End	v.	Middlesbrough	
	Sheffield Wednesday	v.	Everton	
	Clapton Orient	v.	Barnsley	
	Lincoln City	v.	Wolverhampton W.	
	West Ham United	v.	Blackpool	
	Bristol Rovers	v.	Swindon Town	
	Luton Town	v.	Exeter City	
	Reading	v.	Queen's Park Rangers	
	Southampton	v.	Cardiff City	
	Aberdeen	v.	Hearts	
	Hibernians	v.	Ayr United	
	Third Lanark	v.	Dumbarton	

Coupons must be cut—not torn out.

I enter "John Bull" Football Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions on this page and agree to accept the Editor's decision as final and legally binding, and enter on that understanding.

SIGNED .....

18 ADDRESS .....

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THE WAY TO BE WELL All the Year Round.

There are plenty of men and women who, every few weeks, have spells of weakness and suffering, during which they are little better than miserable invalids; yet at other times they feel very well. Why does their health fluctuate so?

In the case of men disordered or over-strained nerves are usually responsible for this state of unfitness and inability to face the anxieties of business.

As for the woman, her back aches, she is dizzy with sick headache, and her side stabbing with pain. The only real health is all-the-year-round health; and the secret of it is a plentiful supply of good rich blood.

The one way to make this new blood is to take Dr. Williams' pink pills. Every village, every street in any large town, contains someone who was once a wreck every few weeks, but is now well all the year round—thanks to Dr. Williams' pink pills. And the reason is that these pills make new rich blood from the first dose. They strengthen and tone up the nerves of worried enfeebled men and have accomplished wonders for pale delicate girls, ailing women and thin weedy boys.

Now is the time to begin Dr. Williams' pink pills. Get a supply from any dealer, and say you must have Dr. Williams'. Substitutes will not do.

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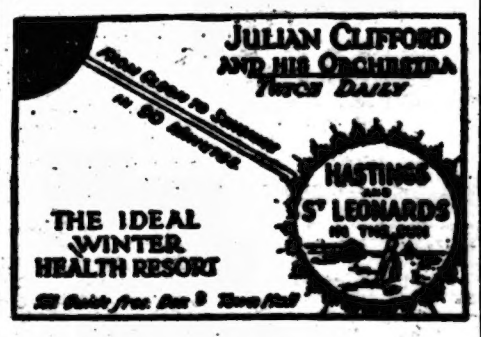

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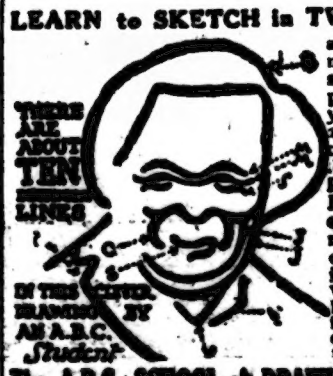

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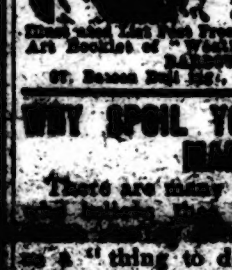

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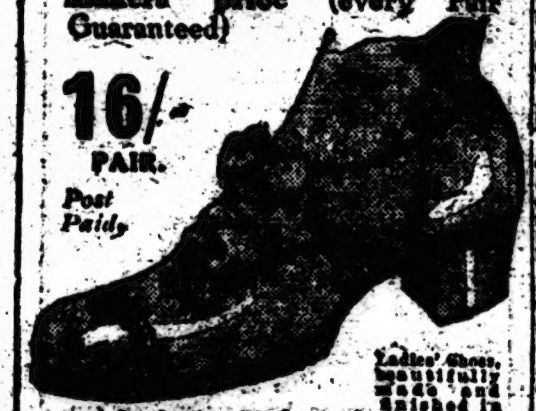

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Ladies' Shoes, beautifully made and finished in good Box Leather, Black only, Smart Oliver Style. Sizes 2 to 7. Pair **16/-**

A similar shoe, but better quality, and in Tenay Kid only, sizes 2 to 7. Pair **20/-**

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John Bull .....

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